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Dear Nancy and the NRC,

I am writing in regards to the public comments scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at the Waste Control Specialist (WCS) site in Andrews County Texas.

As an Albuquerque resident, I know what it means to be impacted by a radioactive environment. Our Albuquerque Water Utility does reports on our drinking water and a 2015 report found 4ppb of uranium in our drinking water. Consuming this water scares me even though it is considered an acceptable amount. It scares me because I have lost family members to cancer that, I believe, was caused by radioactive materials. I never knew my grandpa, who worked at Sandia Labs, because he died before I was born. I have lost my grandma to cancer who was compensated from the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. This is why I believe that you should consider the below factors in the EIS.

First, a public meeting here in Albuquerque would be greatly appreciated. Many people prefer to go to meetings to give their comments rather than writing letters. Since Albuquerque is a city that may have waste going through our highways we would like a public meeting to show that we do not consent to the transport of HLNW.

Some environmental factors to consider for the EIS are; risk of transportation, potential water contamination, the high temperatures in Andrews County, and social factors including environmental injustices and environmental racism.

The risk of transporting the nation's commercial HLRW is one of the most important factors to consider because if an accident does occur, then it could create a national sacrifice zone. This area could have its water, air and land contaminated to extremely unsafe levels in which no person should be near. Not to mention an accident in a big city would release an unsafe amount of radiation to countless amounts of people that would all need treatment. Thus all areas that this waste goes through must be examined closely because each piece of land it travels over will be at risk.

Potential water contamination on all the routes and at the WCS site needs to be closely examined. An accident could contaminate above ground water as well as aquifers. In 2015 the Gold King Mine Spill was an accident that could be looked to as an example of how radioactive releases can contaminate entire rivers and regions.

Another factor that should be examined are the high temperatures of Andrews County. This particular HLNW requires the air to cool it. This is concerning considering that the WCS is in a dessert that gets extreme temperatures and heat waves. Also a consideration for rising global temperatures should be examined as climate change patterns are becoming more available.

Lastly, the EIS should consider environmental justice. It is well documented that communities of color often have dangerous waste dumped near them. WCS is located in an area with a large Hispanic community. Please consider this as a very relevant factor, which has the potential to stop an act of environmental racism.

Living in a radioactive environment myself, I truly hope that you will consider all of these factors.

Sincerely,
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