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To the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Waste Control Specialists' (WCS) application to store tons of irradiated nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste from nuclear reactors around the country in Andrews County, Texas, will cause numerous serious risks of harm.

As you prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of WCS's nuclear waste storage application, I urge you to include the RISK OF THOUSANDS OF UNNECESSARY SHIPMENTS to our country's highways, railways and waterways.

The public comment period should be extended for 90 more days to enable parties along all these potential routes to comment.

The EIS should independently review the RISK OF GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION at the site, especially since the entire Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Radioactive Materials Division recommended denying a license for "low-level" radioactive waste at the Waste Control Specialists site due to the proximity of groundwater.

The EIS should consider potential impacts from ACCIDENTS OR ACTS OF MALICE along transport routes and at the site, including impacts to people, land and water. In-depth research should examine radiation monitoring and cumulative impacts of multiple facilities near the WCS site, site security, engineering adequacy of the storage pad and seismic stresses, and the adequacy of the crane that would move radioactive waste.

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HAS NOT CONSENTED to becoming a national radioactive waste dumping ground. They should not have to risk contamination of our land, aquifers or air or the health of plants, wildlife and livestock.

The EIS should address the EFFECTS OF "INTERIM STORAGE" RESULTING IN THE WASTE BEING LEFT AT THE SITE INDEFINITELY, and the possibility that the waste might never be disposed of in a scientifically viable geologic repository using a reliable isolation system.

These risks - when included in your review – make the decision to reject WCSs application clear.

Sincerely,

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