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March, 13, 2017

Ms. Cindy Bladley, Office of Administration
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Washington D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms Bladley and the NRC,

We are extremely concerned by the NRC's plan to import half of the inventory of irradiated nuclear fuel from commercial nuclear power plants from all over the country and store it at their dump site in Andrews County, Texas for 40 years or longer.

The application is inadequate to address the multitude of problems associated with attempts at "safe" nuclear waste storage.

This 40 year storage plan, will not protect public health, safety or the environment.

If the NRC decides to proceed with this plan, which is funded by my hard earned tax dollars, the EIS must include, impacts to the Dockum, Ogallala, Pecos Valley, and Edwards Trinity aquifers.

The Draft EIS should include a designation of all transportation routes to be used and the potential impacts of accidents, and terrorist attacks, which become more likely with every passing day. I have recently learned that a 2014 TCEQ report warned that a sabotage of radioactive waste shipments would most likely occur in a larger city rather than in a rural area. Potential unimaginably devastating scenarios such as this must be seriously considered by the NRC before embarking on this ill conceived plan.

A single rail car might be hauling as much plutonium as "The Fat Man" bomb the US dropped on Nagasaki, Japan August 1945.

The draft EIS must also include how the WSC will be monitored for radiation, toxic and hazardous releases to the soil, air and water. It should include plans for independent monitoring by the states of NM and Texas.

Above ground casks being stored in the parking lot will be exposed to many hazards, including but not limited to, the weathering effects of temperature extremes, wildfires, natural disasters, tornadoes and earthquakes, all of which seem to be increasing with unmitigated climate change and fossil fuel extraction such as hydraulic fracturing.

The draft EIS should address the following questions:

- At what point could the irradiated fuel go critical?
- What interactions and contact with other radioactive waste, and with the toxic and hazardous waste stored and disposed of at the WIPP site could occur?

- what are the cumulative impacts of waste storage and disposal and the proposed storage of irradiated nuclear fuel at WCS and at nearby sites to workers, local residents and the environment?
- How could natural disasters add to the cumulative risks and impacts?
- What would the impacts be of a significant release of radioactivity at the site?

There are many other aspects with regard to plans for dealing with the unimaginably dangerous waste products generated by the tax payer subsidized nuclear power and bomb industry which must be addressed by an informed public who could be impacted.

We respectfully request that the NRC hold a public hearing on the draft EIS in our region. We would appreciate a written response.

Sincerely,
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