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Southeast New Mexico, has the dubious distinction that every single train car load of high-level radioactive waste will pass through on its way into and out of (if it ever leaves) Holtec International/Eddy Lea [Counties] Energy Alliance (ELEA). Eventually importing more irradiated nuclear fuel than currently exists in the U.S. into s.e. NM, will impact transportation nationwide.

Transporting 100,000 metric tons, or more, of irradiated nuclear fuel to NM makes this proposal even bigger than the highly controversial, unacceptable Yucca Mountain, Nevada permanent burial dump scheme, in terms of transport impacts (limited to 70,000 metric tons under current law). In that sense, when it comes to radioactive waste transportation risks, we all live in New Mexico. For this reason, only four NRC public comment meetings (three in s.e. NM, and one at the agency's HQ near Washington, D.C.), are woefully inadequate.

Countless millions of Americans, in most states in the Lower 48, would be put at risk by these highly radioactive, irradiated nuclear fuel shipments by train, truck, and/or barge. See, for example, the national transport impacts associated with the proposed Yucca Mountain, Nevada permanent burial dump for highly radioactive waste.

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