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## General Comment

Why are all these high risks being taken in the first place?

For no good reason

whatsoever! Certainly not to benefit public health, safety, security, or environmental

protection, despite Holtec International/Eddy

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Lea [Counties] Energy Alliance (Holtec/ELEA),

and nuclear power industry, claims and PR

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spin to the contrary.

Truth be told, its to transfer title,

liability, costs, and risks, for the highly radioactive irradiated nuclear fuel, from the companies that generated it, and profited from its

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generation, onto the backs of federal taxpayers  
(if the U.S. Department of Energy  
(DOE)  
is stuck paying all the bills

and/or onto the backs of nuclear electricity  
ratepayers, if Holtec/ELEAs lobbyists can  
finagle access to the monies remaining in  
the Nuclear Waste Fund coffers

)  
. That's a pretty big favor to the companies

in fact,  
it's unique in all of industry

And of course, if Holtec/ELEA can make large  
profits (at public expense),  
temporarily storing  
these highly radioactive wastes (for 40 years, to 120 years, to  
de facto  
permanently), without having to shoulder any of the costs, or risk

liabilities,  
well, that would work  
well  
for them! Well, the  
simple answer, and open  
secret

, is: Holtec/ELEA doesn't want to shoulder  
the costs, risks, and liabilities. It would prefer DOE (that is taxpayers, and/or  
ratepayers) shoulder those, while it simply pockets the profits.

This would be unsound action for the health and well being of thousands (if not millions) of people, as well as  
the land and environment in general.