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Reject the Proposal to consolidate irradiated fuel because it is not allowed under current federal law until a permanent nuclear waste repository is operating. If NRC proceeds, the application should be published in Spanish so that residents in the region can meaningfully review it and submit comments.

Please hold public meetings in communities that will be most impacted along all the potential routes, especially in Texas. Extend the time for commenting to 180 days.

Include in the Environmental Impact Statement scope, technical, social, geographic, cultural, climate change and the political international impacts of this joint venture.

SYNERGISTIC EFFECTS --

WCS already stores hazardous, radioactive and mixed waste and continues to bring more to the site proposed for high level waste. There is a uranium enrichment facility next door. The EIS must evaluate the cumulative effects of multiple hazards and potential impacts of accidents, and releases from other neighboring facilities.

EARTHQUAKES--

The area is potentially seismically active, with widespread fracking and other extractive activities in close proximity to the proposed site, possibly even beneath the site!

SEVERE WEATHER and CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The site of the proposed CIS facility in Andrews County, Texas is subject to severe weather and climatic conditions that could endanger nuclear waste containers. Extreme temperatures, wind and sand storms, wildfires, lightning strikes, flooding, and tornadoes can all impact the site.

PROXIMITY TO WATER--

WCS is seeking a permit to release radioactive and hazardous water to the New Mexico side of its property. Surface water at the site and nearby aquifer formations must be characterized so that water quality monitoring and protection plans can be developed.

ACTS OF MALICE and OTHER DELIBERATE SABOTAGE en route to and at the proposed site must be considered, including potential drone attacks.

STORAGE CONTAINER SYSTEMS

The period of storage of irradiated fuel at WCS could exceed the expected life of the dry cask containers in which it is stored. NRC must consider the industry's present inability to re-containerize nuclear waste when casks fail, the absence of a facility at the proposed WCS site to perform such operations, and the amount and source of funds to pay for these operations.

ENVIRONMENTAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE--

The proposed area has valuable industries and interests that support the local economy which would be threatened by the site. West Texans have experienced environmental racism for decades. Poor people of color must not be disproportionately impacted by hazardous and toxic wastes.

TRANSPORT DANGERS--

None of today's certified waste containers are designed for real world transport conditions (temperatures, crash speeds, submersion in water) and have not been physically teste . The storage containers cannot be monitored for potential cracks and leaks, inspected, repaired or replaced even though we know the waste will be dangerous longer than they will last. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) must act to prevent tens of thousands of shipments of the most deadly radioactive waste in super-heavy, inadequate containers over the nation's railroad tracks, roads and bridges until the best available technology has been developed to deal with the long term storage of nuclear waste.

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