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Good afternoon,

I'm forwarding this email to encourage denying approval of any application to store hi-level nuclear waste in or near the Permian Basin. Not just because I live here, but because the incredible disruption and cost to our Nation's economy and existence as a free Nation, if there's an "accident" not just at the storage facility, but in transporting through the Permian Basin area to arrive at the storage facility. Do you know what the definition of accident is? Merriam Webster Dictionary defines accident by the following:

Definition of *accident*

1a: an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance

1b: lack of intention or necessity:

2a: an unfortunate event resulting especially from carelessness or ignorance

2b *medical:* an unexpected and medically important bodily event especially when injurious

2c *law:* an unexpected happening causing loss or injury which is not due to any fault or misconduct on the part of the person injured but for which legal relief may be sought

I'm just a simple minded person, even I can understand that accidents happen, the work culture of our area is a fertile breeding ground for accidents of all types. I believe the most recent traffic accident statistics in the State of Texas, reflect that the Permian Basin leads the State of Texas in traffic fatality accidents. Yet, this Commission is seriously considering adding hi-level nuclear waste be transported through the area?

What happens when a company with every imaginable safeguard in place to protect the hi-level nuclear waste they transport, comes in contact with a driver that's way past the maximum hours allowed by DOT to work that week, falls asleep behind the wheel, in close proximity to said hi-level waste being transported to storage. How much logic does it require to realize that this type of material needs to be transported and stored in low traffic, low population areas. By definition; unforeseen, unplanned, unfortunate, unexpected things happen, accidents happen, it's the responsibility of Commission members to limit the exposure to accidents in their decision making process. There's an expression that's been around forever, my dad used to say it; you're fault, my fault, nobody's fault...let me assure, that expression will not apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission members, individually or as a whole, if you approve this application and hi-level nuclear waste is transported through and or stored in the Permian Basin and there's an unforeseen, unplanned, unfortunate, unexpected incident. The Commission is accountable for the decisions it makes, you know the current socio/economic conditions of the Permian Basin, with no slowdown in the immediate future being predicted, it is a precarious .

I question how this issue could even be considered. The Midland-Odessa area is consistently in the top five of various category's; Fastest growing cities, highest rig counts, highest producing county for oil and gas. The Permian Basin production of oil and gas is a necessary piece of the National infrastructure of our economy. When I try to comprehend the damage to our Nation as a whole, if there's a major nuclear event, I can't even develop a clear picture of the ramifications of such a catastrophe, and truthfully neither can anyone on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, because the outcome is just that cataclysmic.

At this time, there is an application before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that seeks to store hi-level nuclear waste in Andrews County.

We have legitimate concerns regarding the transportation of this waste, the threat of terrorism, harm to groundwater, airborne release of radioactive materials and the decimation of the land and minerals that sustain our jobs and families.

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