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May Ma ,

RE: Waste Control Specialists LLC's / ISP's Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel Storage Facility Project

Dear May Ma and NRC,

Waste Control Specialists and their partner seek to import up to 40,000 tons of spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste, from nuclear reactors around the country and store it on WCS' existing site in Andrews County for 40 years (or longer). This project and a similar proposal by Holtec for nearby New Mexico should be halted immediately.

I do not want nuclear waste shipped through Texas to a storage or disposal site and I do not want nuclear waste stored in Texas. Nuclear waste containers on a transport vehicle could be attacked by terrorists and that could cause a deadly catastrophe if anywhere near a large population center.

This dangerous waste can lead to cancers, genetic damage and birth defects. Human exposure to unshielded high-level radioactive waste can lead to immediate death. This project and a similar proposal by Holtec for nearby New Mexico should be halted immediately. Waste would travel through major Texas cities to reach either site. The WCS Environmental Report must add and identify transportation routes that would be used across the country.

And I do not want the Ogalla aquifer threatened by possible contamination by nuclear waste, which is highly probably considering the number of earthquakes which recent fracking has caused and the close proximity of fracking sites to the aquifer. This is a poorly thought out plan which has been adopted simply because the government sees West Texas as a very underpopulated wasteland area of no importance with few residents to oppose the plan. Quite

to the contrary, the area where this waste would support houses a very fragile ecosystem and overlies a hugely important source of water for the region.

Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the WCS facility cannot legally operate, so the NRC shouldn't even be considering the license application. However, NRC is now pushing forward with new corporate ownership of WCS and a revised application.

There must be a public meeting on the revised application. Citizens' voices need to be heard. Resolutions opposing the radioactive waste plans and transport were passed by Dallas, Bexar, Nueces and Midland counties and the City of San Antonio, yet NRC has failed to host meetings in any of these locations, even for the original application.

There must be adequate time for more public input and organized meetings in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, Midland and Andrews. Make all public notice and license application documents available in Spanish. Please extend intervention and public comment deadlines until at least 180 days after license application and scoping and intervention materials are made available in Spanish.

This waste must remain isolated for a million years. Storing it for decades above ground in extreme climate conditions does not lead the nation toward this goal. The NRC should halt review of the WCS license application for Consolidated Interim Storage in Texas, as well as review of the Holtec project proposed for nearby New Mexico. In the interest of our public health and safety both licenses should be denied.

Texas is not a dumping ground for nuclear waste. I adamantly oppose the plan to make it one!!

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