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Re: DEIR/S on proposed Needles siting of Low-Level
Waste Repository

Dear Mr. Scarano:

I write to ask that the deadline for public comment on the DEIR/S filed by U.S. Ecology be extended to allow time to address the following concerns:

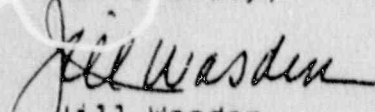
Low level nuclear waste should not be stored in a shallow pit repository at all, but held on site by its producers, except when located in areas of high seismic instability.

Regulations monitoring wastes for 100 years are insufficient to deal with wastes which live longer than 300 years.

The DEIR/S does not address the burial of nuclear waste mixed with toxic wastes. Proposed "BRC" policies do nothing to protect against this danger.

According to Section 10 on page 9 of the DEIR/S, the Sierra Club was the only national or regional group contacted which focuses critically on nuclear waste. Good faith efforts to gain public input require an extension of the comment deadline.

Yours truly,


Jill Wasden

cc: Senator Alan Cranston ✓
Senator Pete Wilson
Representative Barbara Boxer

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