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Dear Reference Docket ID NRC-2016-0231,

We have a ?licensed? low-level nuclear waste disposal facility, recklessly located on top of one of America?s most important sources of ground water, the Ogallala Aquifer, authorized through a questionable permitting process involving attempted bribery and licensed by the TCEQ even though its own technical staff strongly opposed the permit.

radioactive waste across our crumbling highway and rail systems through highly-populated urban areas to a site that sits over the drinking water of much of our country is a nightmare waiting to happen. It would involve thousands of shipments that would take more than twenty years to complete. Each time shipments work their way down the freeways of America, the risk of a major accident exists. God forbid, what would happen in the event of a terrorist attack?

Please understand, high-level radioactive waste is the most dangerous radioactive material from nuclear power plants. It is so dangerous that it must remain isolated from living things for thousands of years. Radiation exposure can cause genetic damage, leading to birth defects, and can lead to many kinds of cancers, radiation sickness, and death. According to the TCEQ, ?without shielding, a person exposed to spent fuel rods would be immediately incapacitated and die within a week.? It is mainly irradiated (spent) fuel rods from nuclear reactors, which still contain most of their original uranium, as well as with radioactive strontium, cesium, and plutonium, which are created during the reactor fission process. High-level nuclear waste in an accident or in the hands of terrorists is unthinkable.

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RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Docket No. 72-1050; NRC-2016-0231 Interim Storage Project?s license application to construct and operate a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than Class C (GTCC) waste.

I oppose Interim Storage Project's plan to store dangerous high-level nuclear waste in Andrews County, Texas. This environmentally unjust plan would target a largely Latinx region of the country with the deadliest nuclear waste. The region is unsuitable for storing nuclear waste since it?s prone to earthquakes, sinkholes, temperature extremes, wildfires, intense storms and flooding. The hydrogeology of the site is still uncertain.

The NRC has ignored many key health and safety issues raised in thousands of previous comments and in 100 legal contentions, many of which were backed by expert testimony. The inadequate Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) shows that the NRC is still not addressing these concerns.

Some of the many concerns that have not been addressed by this application include:

- Threats from terrorism aren't adequately addressed and the potential use of drones wasn't considered.
- Transportation routes were not designated and accident risks have been artificially minimized.
- The DEIS fails to adequately analyze cumulative impacts of the proposed facility and nearby sites on workers, local people and the environment.
- The risks of creating a dangerous de facto permanent site were not included, and nuclear waste should not be moved across the country to a site not designed for permanent disposal.

This nation must end environmental injustice and halt disproportionate impacts on people of color. Dumping the most toxic nuclear waste of a whole nation on the largely Latinx Southwest region is the height of environmental injustice. The site is only a few miles from communities like Eunice and Hobbs, New Mexico, and the waste would flow through many densely populated communities of color on its way there.

I oppose Consolidated Interim Storage at this, and other sites. The NRC should protect public health and safety, the economy and the environment, by halting the application process and denying the license for Consolidated Interim Storage.

Sincerely,

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