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Deny the radioactive waste storage license

Dear Reference Docket ID NRC-2016-0231,

Investigate and adequately regulate the radioactive fracking waste brine etc before asking anyone to trust the storage of any level of additional radioactive waste anywhere:

Just now we're learning fracking operations and waste materials pose radiation exposure risks not only to oil, gas, and fracking field workers and tanker truck drivers but also to those living or working too close to such operations.? In addition, radioactive waste materials (including radioactive brine) are being sent to landfills where they leak into water that end up in the water we drink and spread on dirt roads for "dust control" and so on and so forth.

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"Radiation and fracking," Kristy Locy, 03-05-2020, Center for Coalfield Justice,  
<https://www.coalfieldjustice.org/blog/2020/3/5/radiation>

"America?s Radioactive Secret | Toxic Waste from Oil-and-Gas Wells | Extinction Rebellion," 04-23-2020, YouTube video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9andv=971f2j7kIBM>.

"Pennsylvania Regulators Won?t Say Where 66% of Landfill Leachate w/ Radioactive Material From Fracking is Going?'It?s Private'," Joshua Pribanic and Talia Wiener, 08-05-2020, Public Herald,  
<https://publicherald.org/pennsylvania-regulators-wont-say-where-66-of-landfill-leachate-w-radioactive-material-from-fracking-is-going-its-private/#.XzFcsM17B3I.facebook>

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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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