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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

As an American citizen and taxpayer, I am deeply concerned by Interim Storage Project's application to store radioactive waste in Texas. This proposal would bring in 40,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear reactors around the country and essentially target a Latinx community with deadly nuclear waste. The stored nuclear waste would be at risk from earthquakes, sinkholes, temperature extremes, wildfires, intense storms and flooding.

Consolidated interim storage of nuclear waste is an illegal approach that does not solve our nuclear waste problem. With this proposal, the NRC has ignored expert testimony, local opposition, and tens of thousands of written and oral comments.

Specifically, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is deficient because it fails to account for disproportionate impacts to low-income communities of color (environmental justice communities) in the American Southwest and along transport routes. The DEIS also does not detail the proposed transportation routes or consider nationwide risk to millions of Americans along transport routes. It also does not consider the risk of leaks, sabotage or transportation accidents or include a plan to repackage leaking waste casks and a plan to move waste when required.

In addition, the DEIS does not complete the required alternatives analysis by considering Hardened Onsite Storage Systems (HOSS) as an alternative to Consolidated Interim Storage. It also fails to consider past nuclear waste accidents that have cost hundreds of millions to billions of dollars to clean up nor does it detail cumulative impacts of the proposed facility and nearby sites on workers, local people, and the environment or analyze potential for groundwater contamination.

I strongly oppose Consolidated Interim Storage at this and other sites. The DEIS fails to adequately analyze environmental and cumulative impacts and the socioeconomic risks of the proposed radioactive waste storage application. 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.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

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