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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Dear NRC Commissioners and Staff,

Interim Storage Project's application to store radioactive waste in Texas would bring 40,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear reactors around the country into the state.

The plan would target a Latinx community with deadly nuclear waste. Stored waste would be at risk for release from potential earthquakes, sinkholes, temperature extremes, wildfires, intense storms and flooding.

Consolidated interim storage is an illegal approach that does not solve our nuclear waste problem. The NRC's proposal ignores expert testimony, local opposition, and tens of thousands of written and oral comments.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement, also deficient, fails to:

- Account for disproportionate impacts to low-income communities of color (environmental justice communities) in the American Southwest and along transport routes;
- Detail transportation routes and consider nationwide risk to millions of Americans along transport routes;
- Consider the risk of leaks, sabotage or transportation accidents;
- Include a plan to repackage leaking waste casks and a plan to move waste when required;
- Complete the required alternatives analysis by considering Hardened Onsite Storage Systems (HOSS) as an alternative to Consolidated Interim Storage;
- Consider past nuclear waste accidents whose clean-ups cost hundreds of millions to billions of dollars to clean up;
- Detail cumulative impacts of the proposed facility and nearby sites on workers, local people, and the environment;
- Analyze potential for groundwater contamination.

I oppose Consolidated Interim Storage at this and other sites. The DEIS fails both to adequately analyze environmental and cumulative impacts and to address the the socioeconomic risks of the proposed radioactive waste storage application. The NRC must protect public health and safety,

the economy and the environment, by halting the application process for this deeply flawed project and by denying the license for Consolidated Interim Storage.

Sincerely,
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