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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 in 40,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear reactors around the country.

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

Consolidated interim storage is an illegal approach that does not solve our nuclear waste problem - a problem for which a permanent solution has never been found in the entire history of nuclear energy (75 years+ and counting).

Why has there never been a permanent storage solution for nuclear waste? Because there is no place on Earth that keeps radioactive waste with a half life of hundreds of thousands of years from seeping outward from the site to poison the ground and water table adjacent to it!

With this proposal, the NRC has ignored expert testimony, local opposition, tens of thousands of written and oral comments and basic common sense. This is another politically motivated and deadly attempt to enrich a greedy few at the expense of all others.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement 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.
- Details 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 that have 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 any 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 must 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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