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Subject: Response to RFI on Private Initiatives to Develop Consolidated SNF Storage Facilities

I am writing to ask the DOE not to proceed with the implementation of private interim storage sites for commercial irradiated nuclear fuel wastes and instead to condemn this form of waste "management."

The cost to the taxpayers in terms of construction cost overruns at the outset and then again later in public funds spent if/when the private owner no longer maintains the site make this "solution" not viable. There are liability costs which we cannot assume will be fully borne by the proprietors of such facilities. In addition, communities that surround any radioactive waste storage site would suffer economic loss.

But the greatest costs are not purely economic. The staggering number of shipments of high-level radioactive materials through many states and over the Ogallala aquifer could have horrendous accidental consequences. Those road and barge and rail shipments would also make us continually vulnerable to ongoing terrorist actions.

Private interim facilities are a disaster in terms of construction, the massive transportation of extremely hazardous wastes, the dangers of contamination, the need for ongoing maintenance of sites, and the potential for terrorist acts in transit and on site.

Thank you for your consideration.

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