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Hello Dept. of Energy,

I am against sites to store nuclear fuel, since a private centralized interim storage facility could easily become a *de facto* permanent parking lot dump, or could one day well be targeted not just for storage but also for permanent disposal. site suitability; free, fully informed, consent-based siting; environmental justice, not just for current, but also for all future generations.

In addition, since consolidated interim storage would require unprecedented numbers of shipments (by road, rail, and/or waterway) of highly radioactive irradiated nuclear fuel, through many to most states, such "Mobile Chernobyl" risks must be minimized. (See, for example, [projected nationwide shipping routes to Yucca Mountain, Nevada](#), which has been targeted for governmental (DOE) centralized interim storage in the past, and is still targeted for permanent disposal; see also [projected cross-country shipping routes to the PI Waste Control Specialists, LLC facility in Andrews County, West Texas](#), targeted for centralized interim storage.) Long-distance shipments should only happen once, to suitable, consent-based, environmentally just permanent disposal, not to a supposedly interim storage site, from which the wastes will have to move again, multiplying transport risks. Consent should be required for transport corridor communities for such shipments, and transport container safety and security should be guaranteed, requiring significant upgrades to current shipping container integrity standards.

Certainly pro-nuclear Republican U.S. Senators, during related Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing in summer 2013, have joked openly about the "incentives" (legalized bribes, and other "inducements," such as promises of jobs, for low income, often people of color communities; however, as Keith Lewis of the uranium mining and milling devastated Serpent River First Nation of Ontario put it, "There is nothing moral about tempting a starving man with money.") that cut to the heart of tempting communities to consider "consenting" to "host" *de facto* permanent parking lot dumps. But what about the harms to communities, states, Tribes and neighboring communities that would be caused by *de facto* permanent parking lot dumps?

For starters, low income people of color communities must be taken off the target list, as a basic Environmental Justice principle. To do otherwise would mean radioactive racism. Even people of color communities which are no longer low income should not be targeted, given the historical oppression they have already endured in the United States. Neither should majority white low income communities be targeted.

Radioactive stigma impacts should be addressed and accounted for, from the start. **Even** if a release of hazardous radioactivity into the environment does not occur, property **values** will be significantly decreased at and near a centralized interim storage site, as well as along transport

Thanks,  
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