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ticking time bomb under their community doesn't make it better as the problem still exists. Also when things do leak only the host community is paid at all with neighbors downwind and downstream getting contaminated without their consent. Even if nobody lives nearby contamination of underground water sources could easily spread radiation far and wide to people, over crops people eat, to animals people eat, and even into the air if the radioactive water is sprayed over crops or evaporates into radioactive rain. As this is privatized expect leaks to happen sooner than later as the company wants to make money. Removing liability from the company that will take care of the waste just makes them care even less about safety in the name of profits. In the end every taxpayer and every person living near or on the dump will have to bear the weight of these problems. Making people pay either directly from having to move under threat of having to deal with radiation-induced illness or indirectly via taxpayer-funded cleanup efforts and not the company that made the mistake is wrong. The company should have all liability for their mistakes. Having government-owned contractor-operated contractor storage facility makes more sense as the liabilities are higher which will make the contractors care more as it's their assets and names on the line. In the end it will save taxpayers money while increasing safety. By the way, privatizing interim nuclear waste storage violates the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. The fact that the DOE is even suggesting this only further shows that the DOE should not be handling the containment of nuclear waste. This Request for Information proceeding is not compliant with NEPA. The DOE must publish a Draft EIS, allow for public comment over an adequate period of at least nine months, and hold multiple public hearings around the country for the collection of public comment. Multiple public meetings must be held by the replacement agency for DOE in all proposed "host communities", state capitals of those host communities, the biggest cities in each targeted state and in transportation corridor communities across the country. There are no workarounds to the fact that everything about this so far is illegal, dangerous, and will harm more people than it helps. The DOE needs to drop all movement towards privatizing interim nuclear waste storage immediately! This is just another example of the DOE's bad track record when it comes to radioactive waste management. Please follow all laws and take more consideration towards people in the future. Thank you for your time! *🇺🇸

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