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Comments: I am deeply disturbed at the thought that the NRC is considering approving the Skull Valley site for "temporary" storage of high-level nuclear waste from private nuclear power plants. Not only is this a blatant example of environmental racism, the waste would take years to ship to this site and in that process it would expose thousands of people to dangerous radiation even if there are no accidents. I am also disturbed that there has not been any public involvement or comment on this issue. I recommend the following courses of action:

*The NRC should hold public hearings in all the transport corridor States that would be impacted by PFS member company shipments. My state, Indiana, is the "Crossroads of America" and would be impacted heavily if these shipments begin. Hoosiers deserve some input on this issue.

*The NRC should hold public hearings in all the transport corridor States that would be impacted by NON-member utilities which would nonetheless ship high-level waste to PFS. Again, Hoosiers would be heavily impacted by these shipments and deserve the right to know about them and to voice their concerns.

*The NRC should extend the Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment deadline at least 60 days. There are too many people who would be impacted by this issue who do not know about it and deserve to know and to respond.

*There should be more public information regarding the possibility of the shipments of high-level nuclear waste. A single severe rail cask accident could cause 115 latent cancer fatalities and cost tens or hundreds of billions of dollars to clean up. These impacts should be published for the public to consider.

*The NRC's DEIS should also calculate and add in the ADDED risks from PFS's proposal to ship contaminated casks back across the entire country to the reactors of origin without first dealing with the leaks.

*The NRC's DEIS should also take into account the "routine" doses of radiation to the public from these transport casks even if there are no accidents. The shipments will basically be mobile x-ray machines that cannot be turned off and will be constantly exposing American communities to regular doses of radiation. This is unacceptable.

*There is a strong possibility that this "temporary" nuclear waste dump could become a permanent open air dump for high-level nuclear waste, especially if Yucca Mountain is not approved (which it should not).

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be). The NRC should address and deal with this possibility.

*There is no need for the NRC to license an away-from reactor dry cask storage facility, especially when it already licenses at-reactor storage facilities using the exact same technology. Shipping the waste to Utah only adds the risks of transportation while doing nothing to address protection of public health, safety, and the environment.

*The NRC's DEIS does not address the cumulative impacts of adding a high-level nuclear waste dump to Skull Valley, which is already surrounded by numerous toxic facilities.

Please take these concerns into consideration and act on them. The thought that thousands of shipments of high-level nuclear waste could be rolling down the highways and railways in Indiana concerns me a great deal. This could have a strong negative impact on the environment in my state, not to mention my health and the health of all the Hoosiers and our future generations.

Please respond.

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