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Comments: I am extremely concerned about the proposed plan to transport high-level nuclear waste across our nation and thus endangering millions of Americans and our communities and environment. It is horrendous to think of the ramifications of even a single accident in transit in terms of both the unnecessary risks to the health and well being of citizens of all ages AND the astronomical clean-up costs. And I understand that contaminated casks would be shipped back to sender, multiplying the risks significantly. In addition, I understand that there are significant health risks to people along the various routes even if no accidents occur.

I strongly urge that the NRC hold public hearings in all the transport corridor States that would be impacted by PFS member company shipment, as well as in all the transport corridor States that would be impacted by NON-member utilities which would nonetheless ship high-level waste to PFS. Citizens whose lives may be irreparably impacted deserve a chance to be fully aware of the risks and to have input into these decisions! This would also require that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement public comment deadline be extended by at least 60 days.

The fact that a single severe rail cask accident could cause 115 latent cancer fatalities and cost tens or hundreds of billions of dollars to clean up needs to be made clear to the public, as well as the fact that any costs over \$7 billion become the liability of the American taxpayer under the Price-Anderson Act. To proceed without fully involving those potentially so profoundly affected by these decisions amounts to allowing the nuclear industry to run roughshod over the American people.

I am also very concerned that NRC's DEIS fails to deal with the possibility that this "interim" storage site could become a de facto permanent open air dump for high-level nuclear waste and that the plan calls for dumping all this dangerous toxic waste on a group of our Native American brothers and sisters whose land is already surrounded by numerous toxic facilities which are already spewing poisons into the air they breath. It seems to me that there is absolutely no need for the NRC to license an away-from reactor dry cask storage facility, when it already licenses at-reactor facilities using the exact same technology. To ship the wastes to Utah simply adds the risks of transportation, while doing nothing to improve protection of public health, safety, and the environment.

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PLEASE reconsider moving ahead with this dangerous plan. PLEASE give American citizens full information and the time needed for all concerned citizens across our nation to give input into these truly life and death decisions.

Sincerely, Joy Kaubin, Lake Pleasant, MA

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