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NRC-LES LIES

The people in Eunice and surrounding areas are in deep trouble. Here are a few reasons why:

1- A leak in one of the LES above ground storage containers could kill everyone in Eunice in less than 5 minutes when there is an east wind and the summer heat turns LES waste to gas.

2 - Deconversion will not reduce the radioactive danger of LES waste. LES waste is up to 3-1/2 times more radioactive than the TRU waste stored at WIPP. This is NOT "low level" waste. Our politicians, the NRC & LES are simply lying to the people by claiming that LES waste is "low level" waste.

3 - WIPP waste is stored 40 miles from any town. LES waste will be stored only 3 miles from Eunice.

4 - WIPP waste is stored 2,000 feet in the ground in salt beds. LES waste will only be stored 50-75 feet in the ground at WCS. Once LES containers start leaking - and sooner or later they WILL start leaking - that's all she wrote for Eunice and the surrounding areas.

5 - Any way you look at it LES waste is a nuclear nightmare waiting to happen for the people of Eunice and the surrounding areas.

6- Of course, nobody wants to talk about the other little problem we have with LES either.... water and the drying up Ogallala aquifer. Since Eunice doesn't have any water (Eunice gets their water from Hobbs) the Eunice City Council has authorized LES to tap into the Hobbs water supply too. Of course why should LES, who will only be here 35 years, care if the Ogallala will dry up in 40 years. LES will be here and gone by then. So will the rest of us because this whole area will be a dried up, highly radioactive wasteland.

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