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RE: Docket No. 72-1050; NRC-2016-0231 Waste Control Specialists LLC's Consolidated Interim Spent Fuel Storage Facility Project

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Dear Cindy Bladey and NRC staff,

I live in Dallas, as do my adult children and grandchildren. Please reject Waste Control Specialists' (WCS) application to move spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste from nuclear reactors elsewhere to storage in Andrews County, because this project would pose inordinate danger to all the people who live along the routes that would be used. Whether rail or trucks would be used, transportation is subject to accident and terrorism. The amount of waste to be transported would take decades to move.

Exposing heavily populated cities and suburbs to such elevated risk only creates more potential for disaster than exists in the places where the waste is currently stored. I can imagine that the people who live near the current storage places do not like having radioactive waste where it is. Moving it across the country to a place where there is no expertise in handling such material will only put hundreds of additional cities at risk.

The NRC is holding public meetings in Andrews TX and Hobbs NM. The waste, though, will move through Dallas and Ft. Worth and many other cities around the nation. We did not benefit from the nuclear power stations in the states in which they were built. WCS would not create jobs here or pay property taxes here. The NRC should also hold public meetings in cities like ours, where the WCS project would put six million people at risk for twenty years.

In addition, please reject the proposed site in Andrews County. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, an agency that has a history of cavalier acceptance of industrial claims about the safety of groundwater, has recommended denying WCS a license to store radioactive waste on the WCS site because of its close proximity to the Ogallala Aquifer. When the TCEQ worries about the safety of groundwater you can be sure the danger is significant.

Yours truly,

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