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**RE: Docket ID NRC-2016-0231**

**Dear Ms. Bladey:**

Regretfully, I must oppose the licensing of the WCS Interim Waste Facility. This facility will be located in Texas immediately adjacent to the New Mexico state line. Under the current plan, the facility will be approximately three miles from the city limits of Eunice, NM. The nearest community in Texas will be Andrews which is over twenty-five miles.

There are many better locations for a facility as planned. The proposal from the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance would have a facility thirty miles from the nearest community.

While I do believe the interim nuclear waste facility is critical to the nuclear power plants in the United States, the location of the waste storage is of the utmost importance. It needs to be in a location some distance from an incorporated community for the safety of all individuals who live in the area.

Your consideration of the locations proposed would be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

**CARROLL H. LEAVELL**

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