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

Dear Chairman Kristine L. Svinicki, Commissioners Baran, Caputo, Wright and Hanson,  
Secretary Vietti-Cook and Mr. James Park;

I represent the 35<sup>th</sup> District in Texas, which includes part of Bexar County. The Bexar County Commissioners and the City of San Antonio have passed resolutions expressing opposition to having high-level radioactive waste transported through the San Antonio region. Governmental entities such as Bexar County, as well as the public, need time to fully examine the DEIS and its repercussions.

The Interim Storage Partners' (ISP) license application would allow 40 years of storage in Texas of 5000 metric tons of spent (irradiated) nuclear fuel and Greater-Than-Class C from reactors around the country, and up to 40,000 metric tons of this dangerous waste over time. This would result in decades of massive unprecedented transport of irradiated fuel rods, raising a significant number of serious health and safety concerns.

The May 8, 2020 Federal Register notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) announced a public comment period that ends September 4, 2020.

Over 47,000 comments have previously been submitted to NRC regarding the proposed Consolidated Interim Storage project, which appears to be the most ever for a single docket. Yet only one scoping meeting was held in Texas, which is inadequate. It was held in Andrews, an 8 to 10-hour drive for many Texas residents. One was held in Hobbs, NM and one was online, but most Texans throughout the state didn't have a viable in-person meeting opportunity.

Please hold in-person public meetings regarding the DEIS in San Antonio, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, El Paso, Midland and Andrews, Texas. As you are aware, your counterparts in a number of other government agencies have extended various deadlines because of the pandemic. Please schedule these hearings at least six months after the COVID-19 risks are fully resolved and extend the comment period deadline as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Doggett", with a stylized, cursive script.

Lloyd Doggett