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Attn: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Docket No. 72-1050; NRC-2016-0231 Interim Storage Project's license application to construct and operate a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility (CISF) for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than Class C (GTCC) waste.

Dear NRC Commissioners and Staff:

Interim Storage Project's application would lead to the import and storage of 40,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear reactors around the country in Andrews County, Texas, for 40 years, or perhaps forever. This environmentally unjust plan and would target a largely Latinx region of the country with the deadliest nuclear waste. The region is unsuitable for storing nuclear waste since it's prone to earthquakes, sinkholes, temperature extremes, wildfires, intense storms and flooding.

The NRC has ignored many key health and safety issues raised in thousands of previous comments and in 100 legal contentions, many of which were backed by expert testimony. The inadequate Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) shows that the NRC is still not addressing these concerns.

Transportation routes were not designated and accident risks have been artificially minimized. State of Nevada Yucca Mountain studies found that a single small accident could permanently contaminate 42 square miles of land. Radioactive Waste

Management Associates' found that 1370 latent cancer fatalities could result from a rail accident with spent nuclear fuel, with costs of \$145 - \$270 billion for a severe accident. The DEIS ignores available scientific data and wrongly minimizes these risks.

This nation must end environmental injustice and halt disproportionate impacts on people of color. Dumping the most toxic nuclear waste of a whole nation on the largely Latinx Southwest region is the height of environmental injustice.

It's time to protect the land, air and water, wildlife, plant life and aquifers of this region and transport regions along the way. Businesses at risk include pecan growers, the ranching and dairy industries and the oil and gas industry.

I oppose Consolidated Interim Storage at this, and other sites. The DEIS fails to adequately analyze environmental and cumulative impacts and the socioeconomic risks of the proposed radioactive waste storage application. The NRC should protect public health and safety, the economy and the environment, by halting the application process and denying the license for Consolidated Interim Storage.

Thank you,

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