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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications

Dear Office of the Secretary,

As a long-time resident of Utah I would urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to deny the request by Energy Solutions to import 20,000 tons of nuclear waste from Italy, with 1600 tons to find a final resting place in Utah. Even the low-level waste currently allowed in Utah is not completely safe, especially considering the risk of severe earthquakes in this area. For some of us the name Energy Solutions still means Envirocare and the specter of a skull and crossbones.

Furthermore, I find it reprehensible that Energy Solutions seeks to nullify the eight-state agreement between Envirocare of Utah and the Northwest Compact on Low-level Radioactive Waste. I applaud the compact's recent unanimous decision to block the addition of foreign waste to the Utah landfill. Given that the compact is part of a system that allows regional authorities to determine what kinds of waste are permitted in and out of their boundaries, it seems irrelevant whether the land is privately or government owned and operated as Energy Solutions claims in their recent suit. I have to wonder if this is an attempt to stall the legal aspects of the approval process while the company moves ahead with what it wants—until it's too late for Utah to have any real say.

Even on the national level it seems unwise for the United States to take on the task of processing and storing foreign nuclear waste. It seems to me that approving the current request by Energy Solutions sets a dangerous precedent for the U.S.

Because of the concerns I've mentioned above, I strongly urge the Commission to reject the application submitted by Energy Solutions.

Thank you.

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cc: Governor Jon Huntsman Jr.

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