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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on EnergySolutions' request to import Italian waste that I received via the Regulations.gov website on 5/31/08.

Carol

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Docket ID: NRC-2008-0074

Subject: Public Comment on EnergySolutions' Request for a License to Import Radioactive Waste

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding EnergySolutions' request for a license to import radioactive material from Italy for recycling at its Tennessee facility and disposal of residual waste at its Utah facility. One of the greatest challenges the nuclear industry faces is the public perception of nuclear energy and safely managing the waste from this process. I have worked in the nuclear industry for over 15 years and appreciate the high standards and regulations that have been put in place to ensure the safety of the public and environment.

The NRC's mission is to license and regulate nuclear materials to ensure the safety and protection of the public and environment. The NRC has promulgated several regulations regarding the proper and safe management of radioactive material. The regulations set forth in 10 CFR 110.43 list six criteria used by the NRC to evaluate an import license application. These criteria primarily focus on national security, risk to public and environment, and receiving facilities that are appropriately licensed to manage radioactive waste.

EnergySolutions has been licensed by the NRC and NRC agreement states to safely and compliantly manage radioactive waste. The recycling and disposal of radioactive material from Italy will meet all applicable licenses and waste acceptance criteria for the licensed EnergySolutions' facilities. There is absolutely no technical difference between the types of radioactive waste that will be imported from Italy than is currently generated within the United States and safely and compliantly managed by EnergySolutions.

I am in favor of the NRC granting the license to EnergySolutions to import radioactive waste from Italy since it meets all the criteria established in the regulations.

Sincerely,



Bret Rogers