

Hearing Docket

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I am writing to object to Italy's application to off-load their nuclear waste here, in the United States.

Disposal of nuclear waste is, of course, a problem for any country having nuclear power plants - but they should have considered that BEFORE building the plants. We have our own U.S. plants cranking out contaminated waste with only finite, limited, appropriate storage space available for that waste. I'm sure I'd be preaching to the choir if I told you this material will not be decayed nor become safe in our lifetimes. The waste and any problems/repercussions from the storage thereof will be a legacy we leave for generations to come.

I used to work in the nuclear power industry at the Tennessee Valley Authority as an associate engineer. My life changed when there was a massive reduction in force because we were shutting down all the projects and thousands of us were no longer needed. Most of those plants are non-functional right now. If a forward thinking Congress and public ever got the notion that this is a cleaner, more efficient way to generate power than the coal-fired plants we rely so heavily on right now, that is a potential 17 total nuclear units with attendant waste which would require disposal. What could possibly possess us to allow a foreign country to use storage space for radioactive waste which we may need in the future? Even if the TVA plants never revamp, there are other U.S. sites which do require that storage.

The mere idea of transporting nuclear waste across an ocean and an entire country should give anyone great pause. Think of the terrible result should a ship sink or a train derail or truck be in an accident. Transport in itself would be a logistical nightmare. France is closer to Italy than the United States and they have a very fine nuclear energy program of which they are, rightfully, very proud. Perhaps the U.S. could suggest they apply to France to assist in disposing of their waste.

I ask you, please, not to permit nor enter into agreement with Italy (nor any other foreign country, for that matter) to dispose of their nuclear waste in the United States. We need the sites ourselves. Let us not become the nuclear garbage dump for Italy or the world.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Klose

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