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From: jim yarbrough [jyarbro2003@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 8:48 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: Nuclear waste

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Thank you. Jim Yarbrough South Pasadena, CA 91030

From: Judy Allen [judya814@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 5:46 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: No, no, a thousand times NO!

Importance: High

To the Department of Energy:

I do not consent to your plan to open one or more centralized interim storage sites for high-level radioactive waste.

I do not consent to your plan to continue using nuclear energy as a viable solution to anything. The nuclear age is over. You are the Department of ENERGY. It's time your agency embraces renewables as the ONLY viable power source we need along with energy efficiency and conservation. If our taxes pay your salaries, you are responsible to US, the taxpayers, not the coal, gas, oil and nuclear industries that have had you over a barrel for decades.

Here is the plan you need to follow about radioactive waste:

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I live 14 miles from the failing, leaking, old and decrepit Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, NY. Spectra's Algonquin Pipeline has been constructed to run 105 feet from essential safety and security structures at Indian Point. Who is minding the store? What kool-aid are you all drinking to have let this happen in the first place?

So to reiterate: NO, I DO NOT CONSENT to mobile Chernobyls through Putnam County, or to de facto permanent parking lot dumps for high-level radioactive waste, or to permanent burial dumps for high-level radioactive waste on scientifically unsuitable, socially unacceptable, and/or environmentally unjust (radioactively racist) locations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Allen
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From: Judi Angell [jangell@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:10 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: To reiterate the most frequent public comments content omitted from your recent summary==We Do Not Consent!

re: Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (High-Level Radioactive Waste)

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J. Angell

From: :- p [parzival1@inbox.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 8:04 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: Comments on the draft report

Hello, my name is Patrick Annabel.

I am submitting comments to the DOE concerning 'Consent Based Siting' of radioactive waste dumps, or "centralized interim storage sites" and permanent burial dumps for high-level radioactive waste/irradiated nuclear fuel. My comments touch on ten key points.

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Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Patrick [bosolds@lisco.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 5:29 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

CC: bosolds@lisco.com

Subject: Citizen comment on DOE plans for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (High-Level Radioactive Waste), "Consent-Based Siting"

Dear Dept. of Energy public comments team,

This is a citizen comment on DOE plans for Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (High-Level Radioactive Waste), and Consent-Based Siting.

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Sincerely,

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From: Scott Burger [scottburger@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: Comments to DOE regarding nuclear waste

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about nuclear waste in my home state of Virginia.

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Sincerely,
Scott Burger
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From: Deborah Cate [dfcate@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 11:23 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: We Do NOT Consent!

To the Department of Energy;

I do not consent to DOE rushing into *de facto* permanent parking lot dumps (so-called "centralized" or "consolidated interim storage"), in order to expedite the transfer of title and liability from the nuclear utilities that profited from the generation of high-level radioactive waste, onto the backs of taxpayers like me.

Don't know what to do with it? Stop making it! The only truly safe, sound, just solution for the radioactive waste problem, is to not make it in the first place. Electricity can be supplied by clean, safe, affordable renewable sources--such as wind and solar--and demand decreased significantly by efficiency, rather than generating radioactive waste via dirty, dangerous, and expensive nuclear power. Clean energy can be generated at a fraction of the cost of nuclear and there is not toxic waste dilemma to face later.

The nuclear waster that has already been generated can be dealt with more responsibly. Expedite the transfer of irradiated nuclear fuel from densely-packed "wet" storage pools into Hardened On-Site Storage (HOSS) dry casks. Store irradiated nuclear fuel in HOSS dry casks, as safely and securely as possible, as close to the point of generation as possible, in a monitored, inspectable, retrievable manner.

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Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns. I trust that you will do right by the American public.

Regards,
Deborah F. Cate

From: Debra L Diegoli [lldiegolivt@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 7:11 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: "Consent-Based Siting" of radioactive waste dumps

To Whom It May Concern:

I have grave concerns about the proposed "consent-based" siting of nuclear waste dumps. the utmost care must be taking in handling this highly toxic and long-lasting waste.

My first concern is that of environmental justice. in keeping with President Bill Clinton's 1994 **Executive Order 12898**, which demands that Native American communities and lands, as well as those of other low income and/or people of color communities, never again be targeted for high-level radioactive waste parking lot dumps or permanent burial sites, a shameful form of radioactive racism dating back decades in the U.S.

In all cases, irradiated nuclear fuel in should be stored in HOSS dry casks, as safely and securely as possible, as close to the point of generation as possible, in a monitored, inspectable, retrievable manner.

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In view of the difficulties in finding safe storage, it is crucial that humans stop producing nuclear waste all together.

Sincerely,
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Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 6:02 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: Consent??

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STOP MAKING IT. If we don't switch to renewables immediately, we're all done, including killing the earth. Beverly Foster, PA

From: Mark M Giese [m.mk@att.net]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: "Consent-Based Siting"

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1520 Bryn Mawr Ave
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Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 8:08 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject:

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From: E G [veggielady@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2016 2:51 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: I do NOT consent!

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Erica Gray

From: Jeanne Green [innerlight52@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 9:06 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: high level radioactive spent fuel

I agree wholeheartedly with all of these points. Nuclear power should have never happened. We knew we would have to deal with the waste someday and, guess what? There is no safe place to put it, just as the protesters early on said. No-one listened. Money rules, consequences for real people to the wind.

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Thank you for not allowing siting of these dangerous wastes in container parking lots.
Jeanne Green, Taos, NM

From: H James [relating2u@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:08 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: Comments on Designing a Consent-Based Siting Process: Draft Summary of Public Input Report

The DOE Draft Summary has ignored many, if not most, public concerns. In the Agency's bid to define "consent" as weakly and minimally as possible, it seeks to open one or more centralized interim storage sites for high-level radioactive waste in opposition to the wishes of the American public.

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Thank you,

Holly James
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From: Laura Horowitz [12newmoons@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: comment on consent-based siting

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely-

Laura Horowitz
Pittsburgh PA 15217

From: Marsha Jarvis [marshaj11@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 12:30 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: Nuclear waste

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Best,
Marsha ♥
510 316-0722 Cell

"As one becomes more Soulful, the Angel that you are Guides you through your life as God's intermediary--an Angel.
Miracles follow and limitations of God's Will are no longer."
~ His Holiness Buddha Maitreya
<http://www.shambhalahealingtools.com/>

From: Catherine Kilgore [vphoenixk@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 10:34 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: I do not consent to radioactive material dumping - second round public comments

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released the summary of public comments regarding DOE's so-called "Consent-Based Siting" plan a mere 19 hours before its September 15 Washington, D.C. meeting. It essentially ignores the public input as well as broadly and vaguely defining what constitutes "consent" in regard to storage of nuclear/radioactive material. Since a second round of public comments has been opened, I am again submitting the following comments. I strongly urge you to follow these guidelines as a person suffering from environmental illness.

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Thank you,

Catherine L. Kilgore

From: Donna Knipp [knipp.donna@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 8:04 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: re: Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (High-Level Radioactive Waste)

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Sincerely,

Donna Knipp
New York City

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I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones.
-- John Cage, composer (5 Sep 1912-1992)

From: Kate LaRanger [laranger26@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 6:47 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: no no no no no

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From: JazLeBlanc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 6:01 AM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: NO! NO! NO!

To the Department of Energy:

I do not consent to your plan to open one or more centralized interim storage sites for high-level radioactive waste.

I do not consent to your plan to continue using nuclear energy as a viable solution to anything. The nuclear age is over. You are the Department of ENERGY. It's time your agency embraces renewables as the ONLY viable power source we need along with energy efficiency and conservation. If our taxes pay your salaries, you are responsible to US, the taxpayers, not the coal, gas, oil and nuclear industries that have had you over a barrel for decades.

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Michelle LeBlanc
63 Seifert Lane
Putnam Valley NY 10579

From: magn0042 University of Minnesota [magn0042@umn.edu]

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 10:45 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: I do not consent

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Sincerely,
Kathy Magne

From: leenaree@xmission.com

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:01 PM

To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: CCmments on Consent-based Siting of Nuclear Waste Dumps

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Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Eileen McCabe
Bothell WA



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To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: consent based siting


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Shortcut fixes for the deadly problem of nuclear waste must not be allowed to protect the safety and health of American citizens, now and in the future. I agree with the others who address the following points on control and disposal of nuclear waste. Expedite the transfer of irradiated nuclear fuel from densely-packed wet storage pools into Hardened On-Site Storage (HOSS) dry casks. Store irradiated nuclear fuel in HOSS dry casks, as safely and securely as possible, as close to the point of generation as possible, in a monitored, inspectable, retrievable manner. Given the unavoidable risks of high-level radioactive waste truck, train, and/or barge shipments on roads, rails, and/or waterways (Mobile Chernobyls, Dirty Bombs on Wheels, Floating Fukushimas), transport irradiated nuclear fuel only once, such as straight to a (suitable, acceptable, just) geological repository, not to so-called centralized interim storage (de facto permanent parking lot dumps, such as those currently targeted at Waste Control Specialists, LLC in Andrews County, west Texas; at Eddy-Lea Counties, near the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southeast New Mexico; Native American reservations; nuclear power plants, such as Exelon's Dresden in Morris, IL; etc.). Geological repositories must be scientifically suitable (capable of isolating the hazardous high-level radioactive waste from the living environment forevermore), socially acceptable (genuinely consent-based), and environmentally just. Note that no such suitable/acceptable/just geologic repository has yet been found, in more than half a century of looking. DOE has admitted it can't open any repository (even an unsuitable/unacceptable/unjust one) till 2048 at the earliest, more than a century after Enrico Fermi, in 1942, generated the first high-level radioactive waste, in the world's first reactor, as part of the Manhattan Project to build atomic bombs; and more than 90 years after the first civilian atomic reactor began generating waste at Shippingport, PA. Do not reprocess (extract fissile plutonium and/or uranium from) irradiated nuclear fuel. Not only would this risk nuclear weapons proliferation, and be astronomically expensive; it would also very likely cause environmental ruin downwind and downstream of wherever it is carried out, as has been shown at such places as Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington; Savannah River Site, South Carolina; West Valley, New York; Sellafield, England; La Hague, France; Kyshtym, Russia; etc. Preserve and maintain wet storage pools albeit emptied of irradiated nuclear fuel -- as an emergency back up location for cask-to-cask HOSS transfers, when old HOSS casks deteriorate toward failure, and need to be replaced with brand new HOSS casks. That is, do not dismantle pools as part of nuclear power plant decommissioning post-reactor shutdown. Carefully pass information about storing irradiated nuclear fuel as safely as possible, as close to the point of generation as possible, from one generation to the next, in the concept of Rolling Stewardship described by the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility. Address the shortfall in funding for forevermore storage of high-level radioactive waste. Dr. Mark Cooper of Vermont Law School has estimated the first 200 years of commercial irradiated nuclear fuel storage (assuming just a single repository, although at least two will be required!) will cost \$210 to \$350 billion, even though there is only some tens of billions of dollars remaining in the now-terminated Nuclear Waste Fund, collected from nuclear

power ratepayers. Environmental justice, in keeping with Bill Clinton's 1994 Executive Order 12898, demands that Native American communities and lands, as well as those of other low income and/or people of color communities, never again be targeted for high-level radioactive waste parking lot dumps or permanent burial sites, a shameful form of radioactive racism dating back decades in the U.S. *🌐

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From: Jeannie Pollak [jeannie22@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 12:21 PM
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Regarding nuclear waste:


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Thank you, Jeannie Pollak



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To: Consent Based Siting

Subject: There is NO true "Consent based site" for Nuclear waste storage.

To the Department of Energy:

I do not consent to your plan to open one or more centralized interim storage sites for high-level radioactive waste anywhere in the world.

I do not consent to your plan to continue using nuclear energy as a viable solution to anything. The nuclear age is over. You are the Department of ENERGY. It's time your agency embraces renewables as the ONLY viable power source we need along with energy efficiency and conservation. If our taxes pay your salaries, you are responsible to US, the taxpayers, not the coal, gas, oil and nuclear industries that have had you over a barrel for decades.

Here is the plan you need to follow about radioactive waste:

Stop making it. The only truly safe, sound, just solution for the radioactive waste problem, is to not make it in the first place. Electricity can be supplied by clean, safe, affordable renewable sources, such as wind and solar, and demand decreased significantly by efficiency, rather than generating radioactive waste via dirty, dangerous, and expensive nuclear power.

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We live 5 1/2 miles from the failing, leaking, old and decrepit Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan, NY. Spectra's Algonquin High Pressure Gas Pipeline has been constructed to run 105 feet from essential safety and security structures at Indian Point. Who is minding the store? What kool-aid are you all drinking to have let this happen in the first place?

So to reiterate: NO, I DO NOT CONSENT to Mobile Chernobyls, or Floating Fukushimas through New York, or to de facto permanent parking lot dumps for high-level radioactive waste anywhere, or to permanent burial dumps for high-level

radioactive waste on scientifically unsuitable, socially unacceptable, and/or environmentally unjust (radioactively racist) locations.

Face the fact: Nuclear Power is NOT affordable, NOT sustainable, and NOT acceptable as any kind of "solution" - long term or short term - to ANYTHING. And while not the ONLY problem with Nuclear Power, the problem of what to do with the radioactive waste is, all by itself, proof of that fact.


Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Please listen to the actual public input on this vital issue!

In your "Draft Summary of Public Input Report" you neglected most of the concerns of the actual public input, and chose to define "consent" as weakly as possible. Simply put, the public doesn't want nuclear waste dumped in it's backyard. Please pay attention to these points:

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Thanks for reading this. Please keep the USA safe from nuclear radiation and pollution.

John and Polly Wood

Hood River, Oregon 97031

[BRC Parent Form]

From: Leslie Dee [leslie1@mediacombb.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 8:58 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
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Neil Bleifeld

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From: Tiana Brachel [tianabrachel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 3:35 PM
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From: Tiana Brachel [tianabrachel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 7:07 AM
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Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 2:11 PM
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From: Deb Brown [deb@econweb.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Consent Based Siting
Subject: Please listen to the experts at Beyond Nuclear

To whom it may concern:

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Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 5:36 PM
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From: Helen Goldenberg [helengolde@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 8:23 PM
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From: Jackie Griffeth [polareclipse87@yahoo.com]
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Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2016 5:33 PM
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Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2016 10:07 AM
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