

## Private ISF

---

**From:** Elisabeth Hoffman <echoboca@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** PrivateISF  
**Subject:** Response to RFI on Private Initiatives to Develop Consolidated SNF Storage Facilities

The plans to allow high level waste to be stored interim at various sites is fool hardy and a dangerous precedent for our safety, security and health and well-being. Any one of a number of things can go wrong and if there is a serious breach, many could be affected. It is not worth putting many at risk when the stakes are so high and I hope you will reconsider fully. I oppose this measure, I always vote, and I have many friends who share my qualms!

Shipments of high-level radioactive waste by rail and barge, on the railroads and waterways, through many states). WCS, for one, is located above aquifers that communicate with the Ogallala, the largest in North America, stretching from Texas to South Dakota and providing millions in numerous Great Plains states with vital drinking and irrigation water. And the plan is for title and liability for the high-level radioactive wastes to transfer from the nuclear power utilities that profited from its generation, onto the public. The public will pay all costs, and bear all liability. The only question is, what percentage will ratepayers (from the Nuclear Waste Fund) and taxpayers (DOE's budget, from the U.S. Treasury) pay for construction and operation costs of the centralized interim storage facility; if anything goes wrong, the public could be left holding the bag for unlimited liabilities. The private facilities stand to make billions of dollars, at public expense. And there is a distinct danger that so-called "interim" surface storage facilities will turn into de facto permanent "parking lot dumps," risking catastrophic releases of hazardous radioactivity over long enough periods of time, due to loss of institutional control.

In addition Rick Perry has a huge conflict of interest in this matter and it is inappropriate for him to be the decider in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration

Elisabeth Hoffman

305 NW 42nd St, Boca Raton FL 33431