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Should current generations of decision makers have the power--and with it, the lack of foresight—to doom all future generations to radioactive risks? By agreeing to "host" storage and/or disposal of nuclear waste (as EPA has acknowledged in its Yucca Mountain regulations, irradiated nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste has a million-year hazard), the DOE would be dismissing intergenerational equity and environmental justice. DOE has given no adequate solution to this immeasurable risk as of today.

And as Karen Hadden, executive director of the Texas-based SEED (Sustainable Energy & Economic Development) Coalition, has said, "Due to risks of radioactive contamination from leaks or accidents or potential terrorist actions, nuclear waste should only be moved once, and only when a deep underground permanent repository is in place that could safely isolate the dangerous waste for the million years that it will remain hazardous."

These are my primary reasons for urging the rejection of Private Initiatives to Develop Consolidated SNF Storage Facilities.

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