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To the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management:

I attended the hearing in Cleveland, Ohio in January, 2000 about the transportation of nuclear waste across northern Ohio. It was a very disturbing meeting and therefore, I wish my voice to be heard as part of the official records regarding this matter. I am grateful that hearings, though few, were provided at all. Thanks to Dennis Kucinich for standing up for the people's right to know.

I am a long time member of Peace Action and believe that their submitted statement says exactly what I believe, but I also want to be on record as an individual. I believe my comments fall into two categories: Dangers and Solutions.

Dangers:

- 1 | 1. Transportation of radioactive materials is inherently dangerous and merely playing with fire.
- 2 | 2. Transportation of radioactive materials next to the largest bodies of fresh water in North America is beyond ridiculous.
- 3 | 3. Believing in the so-called "robust casks" is equally ridiculous. Human beings can't control for human error.
- 4 | 4. "5.6 cancer deaths" is unacceptable; even saying the number sounds nutty.
- 5 | 5. Look at the damage caused by oil spills; we can only imagine the damage that will be done by radioactive spills.
- 6 | 6. The fact that we continue to produce more waste from nuclear plants is unbelievable.
- 6 | 7. The plan includes hauling this stuff for 24 years? Heaven help us!

Solutions:

- 5 continued on page 2 | 1. STOP producing nuclear waste. SHUT DOWN ALL nuclear plants, yesterday.
- 7 | 2. Leave the material where it is. We have already contaminated 77 sites and do not know what to do. Don't create more.
- 8 | 3. Study what to do with the waste currently at 77 nuclear sites. What a nightmare, Eh?
- 8 | 4. Ship it all to the Nevada Test Site; it is already a wasteland.

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I personally watched over the death of a little boy who had been born into his mother's womb at the time of Chernobyl. Chernobyl should be a clear message about the dangers of nuclear anything. Our desire for nuclear weapons and energy has left us with such a mess that we clearly don't know what to do. Keep looking for answers. There are, obviously, no good ones; we've created a monster and now all we can hope for is to contain it for the next 10,000 years. Good Luck to all of us.

Sincerely,



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