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Comment Sheet

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I request that these comments be made a part of the official record.

Insufficient transportation analysis.

- There is not clear picture of the transportation routes to be used, and specifically how the waste is to be transported. How is the public to make a decision on the impacts of the project when the transportation impacts can only be guessed? It should be crystal clear which routes are to be used, the mode of transportation, and where there will be stopping points for refueling etc. , so that exposure rates can determined and health impacts evaluated. 1

- Privatization is apparently still a possibility at this point, which could completely alter the transportation picture. Is this yet another unknown we are to swallow?

- The transportation casks have never been full-scale tested only 1/4 scale models were tested and the data was extrapolated using computer models to full-size. The General Atomics GA4/9 casks discussed in the DEIS have only just been licensed, but none have been made yet. It is unclear whether the tests are sufficient for all the conditions that will be encountered in cross country transit, especially through mountainous terrain. 2

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