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Dear Ms. Dixon:

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The St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Environmental Committee is a group of residents and stakeholders of the St. Clair Superior Neighborhood who have had ongoing concerns about pollution within their neighborhood on the East Side of Cleveland for a number of years. We are a predominantly low income minority community and feel that we are expected to put up with such environmental problems when other more affluent communities with lower minority populations would not even think of doing so. We have had to contend with pollution from various TRI reporting facilities, brown fields, underground storage tanks and other sources, often literally within our back yards. The possibility of spent nuclear fuel being transported through our neighborhood by rail or by truck is just one more environmental concern that we would have to face.

Therefore, we oppose any plan to transport such material through our neighborhood (i.e. railways and roads that pass through the region bordered by East 30th street to the west, Superior Avenue to the south, Martin Luther King Park/Doan Brook to the East and Lake Erie to the north. This includes the I-90/State Route 2 "Shoreway"). We are doing so under the terms of "environmental justice" as we understand them (See President Clinton's Executive Order on Environmental Justice in Minority and Low Income Populations: no. 12898 February, 11th 1994. and the US EPA Region V Guidelines: June 1998).

Please relay this commentary to the appropriate decision making authority on this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us through Tim at the St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Association office at (216) 881-0644.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Marin J. Smith, Chairman

Members of the ST. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Environmental Committee

cc: Jay Jones, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, US DOE.
Carol M. Borgstrom, Dir. Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, US DOE