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REF SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR WASTE FROM EAST TO WEST U.S.A. STORAGE AREAS —

PROBABILITY OF DANGER TO PEOPLE ALONG RAIL LINES USED FOR SHIPPING RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS SURELY MINIMAL.

SUCH MATERIAL WOULD BE CONTAINERIZED FOR SHIPMENT IN SEALED CARS WITH REMOTE CHANCE OF CONTENT SPILLAGE SHOULD THERE BE A DERAILMENT.

FREIGHT TRAIN WHICH DERAILED IN WEBSTER GROVES, MO., DURING MAY 2001 SPILLED COAL FROM 13 OPEN RAIL CARS ALONG TRACKS WITH PORTION OF SPILLAGE FROM SOME CARS GOING ONTO A NEARBY STREET. AS USUAL, TRAIN AT SLOW/MODERATE SPEED THRU THAT AREA

CITIZENS LIKELY AT GREATER RISK DRIVING INTERSTATES WHERE 18-WHEELERS AND HEAVY AUTO/OTHER TRUCK TRAFFIC AT OVER-LIMIT SPEEDS REPRESENT HAZARDS.

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