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Our land and community are sacred and must be protected.

Bringing in high-level radioactive waste from around the country – to store it in New Mexico for decades – and perhaps forever, would put our lives and land at risk.

No amount of money and no promises of jobs are worth the risks.
NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES DON’T WANT RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM NUCLEAR REACTORS AROUND THE COUNTRY IN OUR BACK YARD.
Lake Arthur, NM, passed a resolution against having high-level radioactive waste transported through our community and having consolidated interim storage in our region. The Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club passed a similar resolution. Four Texas Counties and the US Conference of Mayors passed resolutions.
The risks of accidents during transportation are high – and we’ve had train accidents recently already. The DOE expected at least one train accident for transporting nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain.

We don’t want that train accident here – or anywhere else.
May 30, 2017 – 30 miles East of Lordsburg, NM
20 empty rail cars and two locomotives left the tracks due to a derailment.

April 28, 2015 – 10 miles Southeast of Roswell, NM
Two freight trains collided. A moving 79-car train struck a parked 12-car train.

October 5, 2017  First two engines of an Amtrak train derailed in Mora County due to a boulder on the track. 132 passengers were onboard.
The DOE analyzed train transport to Yucca Mountain and found that in 10,000 shipments, at least one accident was anticipated. There would likely be 10,500 train shipments to Texas or New Mexico.

We can’t afford the environmental or health consequences that could result.
Exposure to radioactive waste causes genetic damage, birth defects, cancer and even death. The NRC says that exposure to unshielded high-level waste causes immediate incapacitation and death within a week.
It would be massive environmental injustice for New Mexico to bear the brunt of storing the nation’s deadly radioactive waste.
Protect our land and our lives.

Say NO to Consolidated Interim Storage of deadly high-level radioactive waste.