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Dear Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Consultations,

Don’t Waste Michigan once again goes on record in opposition to the proposed shipment / transportation of HEUNL which includes liquid high level nuclear waste from Chalk River, Ontario to Savannah River, South Carolina.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has acknowledged non-conformance and poor Quality Assurance lacking weld inspections. Inspectors were not qualified to perform Quality Assurance and the Cask Hardware is not in compliance. Much of the Safety Analysis Reports has been redacted and hidden from public scrutinization.

These proposed shipments are among the most volatile of all radioactive wastes and risk criticality accident scenarios which have been unaddressed. This is an economic boondoggle and must not proceed. The HEUNL must be solidified in Canada and citizens of Canada and the United States should not be put in harms way to support unnecessary and ill advised shipments. Again Don’t Waste Michigan advises the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to first do no harm. In the past HEUNL has undergone cementation with success in Canada.

Do not ship by road, rail, barge the HEUNL from Chalk River, Canada to the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Don’t Waste Michigan calls for Public Hearings and full Panel Reviews. We look forward to participating and testifying at those forums.

We call on the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to manage the HEUNL highly enriched radioactive liquid waste at the site where it was generated.

The fig leaf of “non-proliferation” does not stand up to scrutiny, this is irresponsible trafficking in materials which could cause great harm. Recently the NRC has put forth plans to ship additional HEU to Chalk River in the amount of 7.56 kg at 93.3% enrichment. Canada must stop providing legitimacy to what amounts to nuclear proliferation. Additional shipments of HEU are the front end of what will once again compound proliferation potential and perpetuate more HEUNL waste stream which nobody wants.

Should CNSC insist on proceeding Don’t Waste Michigan as neighboring public in harms way fully intends to challenge through political and legal channels Export Licensing and Transportation components of this ill conceived and proliferation laced proposal to ship HEUNL from Chalk River to Savannah River.
Thank you
Respectfully Submitted,

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