



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

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Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Correspondence File

FROM: Dave Navecky
Project Environmental Lead
Section of Environmental Analysis

DATE: October 31, 2008

SUBJECT: STB Finance Docket No. 35106 – United States Department of Energy –
Rail Construction and Operation – Caliente Rail Line in Lincoln, Nye, and
Esmeralda Counties, NV

As of today, the Surface Transportation Board has received approximately 750 emails with comments from interested parties associated with Friends of the Earth. The comments in these emails are largely similarly in content and many are identical in content. Attached are 20 emails that are considered representative of the comments received through Friends of the Earth.



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Subject No nuclear material through my back yard

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject I'm.against www.dontdumponnevada.org

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I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to APPROVE the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage risk for cities like mine are NIL. We already ship the original fuel TO the plants safely, and we ship nuclear warheads around the country safely.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No unsafe shipments of deadly nuclear materials

Surface Transportation Board ,
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I strongly urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear waste through America's cities.

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

Nuclear waste is too hazardous to transport through cities in America. I urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan that would allow the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

Chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Trains are unsafe to transport nuclear waste through cities.

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Subject No nuclear material through cities

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject Please do not allow nuclear material through our
communities!

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of nuclear waste through communities across America.

The chance of an accident or sabotage creates unnecessary and potentially catastrophic risk.

The nation should turn its attention to alternatives; nuclear power is simply too dangerous and puts unknown burdens on generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Subject No nuclear material through our country

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I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities all over America, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject Please, no nuclear material through my back yard

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I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear material through our cities

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject My neighborhood is not for nuclear waste

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

Please refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation to proceed with the shared-use Caliente rail plan. The plan would allow the transport of toxic nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like Hayward, in the densely populated San Francisco Bay Area, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for considering my very serious concerns.

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Subject Transporting Nuclear Material Can Be Done Safely

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

I urge the Surface Transportation Board to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan.

Modern technology and safeguards make safe transportation of RA material perfectly safe.

I urge you to ignore the environmentalist whackos that want to take us back to the stone age.

Thank you!

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Subject Surface Transport of Nuclear Waste

Surface Transportation Board ,
To whomever it may concern:,

I have been following the debate surrounding the disposal of nuclear waste for 30 years now. Not much has changed. The stuff is still among the most toxic substances known to man, and still problematic to transport and store.

So what is the responsible answer from the Powers That Be to these legitimate concerns regarding public health and safety?

NOTHING new. Nuclear waste is STILL deadly for tens of thousands of years, still impossible to store for that timeframe, and still highly dangerous to transport. You think nuclear power plants are easy terrorist targets? Start shipping nuclear waste over public rails and roads and ask that same question.

Are we insane?

Please DO NOT issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation to proceed with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No Tran-America Nuclear Transport

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear material

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I urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan -- a plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear material through any USA roads

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No Nuclear Material through Our Back Yards

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To whomever it may concern:,

I am writing to urge the Surface Transportation Board to refuse to issue the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity required by the Department of Transportation in order to move ahead with the shared-use Caliente rail plan.

This plan that would allow for the transport of toxic, nuclear waste through cities across America.

The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby.

The chances of an accident are much too high given the catastrophic damage that could result should a train carrying tons of nuclear waste were to derail in a populated city, or any city.

Please do approve a rail line that would lead to radioactive transport through America.

Thank you for your help in this very serious and urgent matter.

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Subject Please stop shipping nuclear waste on surface transportation

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Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear material through America's back yard

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities on the route, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby. This kind of waste dumping issue is precisely the reason why nuclear energy is NOT sustainable!

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject Risks of not moving nuclear waste to managed storage...

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The chances of an accident or sabotage create catastrophic risk for cities like mine, which could be devastated if trains carrying nuclear waste were to spill their contents nearby. Precautions for prevention of transportation accidents are fundamental to the process, should be made public, and continuously updated and improved to insure a zero defects operation.

Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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Subject No nuclear material through my (or any) back yard

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Thank you for taking my comments seriously.

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