

Dear Sir;

This is in response to your E.I.S. dated May 1996.

You have addressed many concerns that Idahoans have.

The continual repeating was a challenge to get thru. But I understand the need to be sure that there is no misunderstanding.

A Safety must be first from today until the health risks are depleted.

B Containers must meet safety concerns for handling, shipping and storing. a thought about the accessibility of the fuel to unperseen future exams. In considering cost it would be worth considering accessibility in the future for physical exams.

as an employee at the N. R. F., I am aware of the safety steps that are taken for the well being of people, animals and environment.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely  
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Response to Comment:

- A. In Chapter 3, Section 3.8, Comparison of Alternatives, the EIS states that the impacts for most categories are small or nonexistent for all alternatives. Since 1957, the Navy has safely shipped over 660 containers of spent nuclear fuel from the shipyards and prototype sites to Naval Reactors Facility. All of the shipments were made safely by rail and without release of radioactivity. Since any container alternative selected for dry storage and transportation (either by rail, heavy-haul truck, or a combination of both) must meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material, and 10 CFR Part 72, Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Waste, other containers can also be used safely and reliably.
  
- B. The Navy agrees that until the containers are permanently disposed of, the container system must allow the ability to retrieve the spent fuel. Current regulations, 10 CFR Part 60.11 and 10 CFR Part 72.122, require that spent nuclear fuel be retrievable from either disposal or storage containers. Since any container system selected must be designed to meet these requirements, no one alternative is more preferable than the others on that point.