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DEPT. OF ENERGY
Office of Fissile Materials Disposition
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Re: PEIS on Plutonium Storage and Disposition

Dear DOE:

The Board of the Colorado Coalition has authorized me to comment on the PEIS on Plutonium Storage and Disposition. First, we strongly oppose converting our excess PU for use as a reactor fuel. Such use will, in our view, encourage proliferation and it will increase the nuclear waste stream. 1/08.03.01

The principle to keep in mind is that the U.S. must dispose of excess PU in a way that will stop the spread of nuclear materials. In our view, that immediately removes the options of using it as a reactor fuel or putting it into deep bore holes. 2/08.03.01
We think the option of vitrification is the most likely way to immobilize PU and to render it unusable for weapons purposes. We therefore believe that money should be spent on developing this technology and that the PU in question should be stored as safely as possible until this technology can be used to immobilize PU. 3/08.03.01

Sincerely,

V. E. Perkins, Ph.D., Vice-President
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08 03 01 Comment Number 1

The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's opposition to the Reactor Alternatives. However, NEPA requires that DOE look at all reasonable alternatives and, therefore, reactor burning must be considered. Decisions on the disposition of weapons-usable fissile materials will be based upon environmental analyses, technical and economic studies, national policy considerations, nonproliferation analysis, and public input.

08 03 01 Comment Number 2

The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's opposition to the disposition alternatives. Decisions on the disposition of weapons-usable fissile materials will be based upon environmental analyses, technical and economic studies, national policy considerations, nonproliferation analysis, and public input.

08 03 01 Comment Number 3

The Department of Energy acknowledges the commentor's support for the Vitrification Alternative. Decisions on disposition of weapons-usable fissile materials will be based upon environmental analyses, technical and economic studies, national policy considerations, nonproliferation analysis, and public input.