

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Cyrus Reed [mailto:cbhreed@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 11:24 AM  
**To:** Consent Based Siting  
**Subject:** Comments on Nuclear Waste Siting Policy

### **DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting**

Dear U.S. Department of Energy,

In 2012 the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future came out with a plan to get communities to "volunteer" to take dangerous radioactive waste from around the country.

From the perspective of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, which represents some 22,000 members in Texas, there is no need to consolidate radioactive waste for the purpose of storage. DOE is putting the nuclear cart before the horse. DOE has no authority to pursue such a siting process for consolidated storage of commercial nuclear waste. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) and the DOE's Standard Contract with nuclear power generators explicitly state that the federal government may take title to and possession of the waste from commercial nuclear power generation when a repository is in operation.

More than 100 organizations have endorsed improving the storage and security of nuclear waste at reactor sites through Hardened On-Reactor-Site Storage (HOSS). HOSS would first move waste (when sufficiently cooled) out of fuel pools to robust, hardened dry-cask storage, reducing the hazard of catastrophic fuel pool fires and better protecting the waste from natural disasters, industrial accidents, and military or terrorist attacks. HOSS would improve the safety and security of this waste for interim storage at, or as near as possible to, the reactor sites where it is generated.

I oppose the consolidation and transportation of waste to new sites unless and until a viable long-term management facility is in operation, per the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Any shipment of this cancer-causing waste should happen only once, and only to a permanent repository, if a site can be found based on sound science that might be able to isolate waste of over 250,000 years. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has previously said that the least risky option is to keep the waste stored securely at or close to the site of generation, and most nuclear reactor sites are now licensed to do so.

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failed to schedule even a single meeting in either state. Indeed, the nearest meeting was held in Arizona, and most Texans and New Mexicans concerned with the issue could not attend. This shows utter disregard for those that are most likely to get the waste. Instead eight meetings were held elsewhere around the country. Is this an effort to get people to gang up against our region? People at ground zero are most likely to be impacted, but DOE did not see fit to hold a meeting here. It is clear that rules and policies based on this “consent-based siting” process and the meetings held are likely to be unfair, inappropriate and perhaps designed to dump on our region.

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In Texas, we have seen how Waste Control Specialist has used the legislative process to continually expand the types and volumes of waste they are disposing of at their site in Andrews County, from mercury, to PCBs, to low-level radioactive waste to depleted uranium, and now apparently high-level waste if they get their wish. Along the way, they have used lawsuits and lobbyists to get their desires, while selling themselves as the solution to the nuclear waste legacy.

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Robert Singleton [mailto:robert.singleton@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** Consent Based Siting  
**Subject:**

### Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

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Sincerely,  
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**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** Consent-Based Siting

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Sincerely,

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## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Ken Box [mailto:kbox7@austin.rr.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 1:25 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely, Ken Box

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## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** TB [mailto:tbscpbbsc@satx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2016 2:48 PM  
**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** DOE: I DO NOT CONSENT

Dear Sirs:

There is NO need to consolidate radioactive waste for the purpose of INTERIM storage. Any shipment of this highly toxic, cancer-causing waste should happen only ONCE, and only to a PERMANENT repository. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has previously said that the least risky option is to keep the waste stored securely at or close to the site of generation, and most nuclear reactor sites are now licensed and able to do so. A site for permanent storage MUST be found based on sound science that should be able to isolate this waste from the human and natural environment for over 250,000 years.

The consent based siting process proposed by the DOE lures current political leaders to commit their hometown community, for possibly hundreds of future generations of potential genetic and environmental damage, in return for a short term income gain to a few individuals, who own that land and manage these facilities, like WCS and its local allies. Choosing an atomic waste dump is tempting to small towns so anxious to increase short term income and economic survival that they are willing to sacrifice long-term environmental damage. This “consent based process” is an environmental justice violation in that areas of low income minorities in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico are favored and yet these minorities have little to no political power in these communities. Minority individuals are very reluctant to speak up and participate in a process they don’t trust. DOE is also using this so called consent based method to avoid finding an appropriate scientifically viable **permanent** site.

If the plan to transport radioactive waste for consolidated storage moves forward, PEOPLE IN ANY HOST COUNTY OR IN ANY COUNTY THROUGH WHICH RADIOACTIVE WASTE WOULD BE TRANSPORTED SHOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE on whether or not to “consent,” and not have state or local political leaders speak for them on this crucial health and safety issue. These are the people most at risk. Those living near aquifers that could become contaminated should be able to vote as well, and interests that stand to benefit from high-level radioactive waste storage, such as the license applicant, contractors and utilities, should be prohibited from expending funds to influence the elections.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Neil Carman [mailto:neil\_carman@greenbuilder.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 1:23 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

Attention U.S. Department of Energy,

We are submitting these comments because we have been deeply concerned since the 1960s about the U.S.'s nuclear future because we began to study and learn how deadly radioactive materials are, and how long-lived they are as well.

We continue to find that in July 2016 the U.S.'s nuclear future appears off track and highly misguided after all these years of trying to handle and manage nuclear waste. As a result, it is our hope that the DOE will seriously consider these public comments regarding consent-based siting that seems to be another bad idea.

We ask that the DOE rethink this bad idea and try to find a better solution to management of nuclear waste. Certainly one solution is to end the generation of all nuclear waste in the U.S. by ending nuclear energy as a bad idea for decades, and to end the development of doom's day nuclear weaponry as totally insane if we are to protect future generations from nuclear madness.

A major concern we want to share is that the exposure standards for radioactive materials is too weak and lax to adequately protect public health, and we propose that the human exposure standards be significantly tightened. The mining, transport, processing and use of radioactive materials in the U.S. has for decades endangered and contaminated huge areas of the U.S. which is an abomination to the citizenry of this great nation.

Today, the federal government knows that no one wants radioactive waste in their backyard, and in 2012 the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future came out with a plan to get communities to "volunteer" to take dangerous radioactive waste from around the country. The truth is that there really is no such thing as "Consent" to radioactive waste storage. It can only be forced and coerced. Manufactured consent is not real consent and financial bribes should not be used to con a community into taking on this deadly legacy.

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DOE: Please wake up and realize that this is 2016 and not 1945 when you first began exposing the American people to radioactive fallout from New Mexico and eastwards across this great land. People are growing fed up with these nuclear games that you keep playing and we want nuclear madness to end.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully yours,

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**From:** Devane Clarke [mailto:devane.clarke@austin.rr.com]  
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**Subject:** Public Comment

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**Subject:** oppose radioactive waste transport

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## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Patricia Golden [mailto:bluehorsewoman@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2016 12:00 AM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

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Patricia M. Golden

P.O. Box 1441, 500 W. 2nd Street, Van Horn, TX 79855

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:25 PM  
**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** Consent based siting

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Sincerely,

Full name and address

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### [Fairewinds Energy Education Comments on "Consent Based Nuclear Siting"](#)

"Consent based siting" is the process proposed by the Department of Energy (DOE) to locate radioactive waste dump sites around the US. Fairewinds Energy Education believes that such a process is biased against communities struggling financially due to factory closings and the global economy. Choosing an atomic waste dump is tempting to towns and villages so anxious to increase short term income and economic survival that they are willing to sacrifice long-term environmental damage in return for that income.

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reservations in the west, the DOE will have succeeded in optimizing its search for a waste disposal site. The current *Consent Based Siting* process violates the basic tenants of environmental justice.

Sent from my iPhone

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Richard Halpin [mailto:rh.halpin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:33 PM  
**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** We do not consent.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 1:17 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

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Lisa Marie Keonitzer

291 County Road 687

Angleton, TX 77515

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Noel Marquez [mailto:marquezarts@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 9:15 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** NO Consent to Radioactive Waste Dumping in our Communities of SE NM and West Tex.

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## Consent-Based Siting

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**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 11:10 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

Dear U.S. Department of Energy,

I am responding to the DOE's invitation of public comment about the proposed "Consent-Based Siting" of radioactive waste storage. As a university professor with expertise in the areas of public health and environmental justice, I object strenuously to the very idea that a democratic government would ask its people to "volunteer" to take dangerous radioactive waste from around the country. The truth is that there really is no such thing as "Consent" to radioactive waste storage. It can only be forced and coerced. Manufactured consent is not real consent and financial bribes should not be used to con a community into taking on this deadly legacy.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 7:01 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

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Sincerely,

Marion Mlotok  
3957 Sendero Dr  
Austin, TX 78735

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** MOLLY ROOKE [mailto:mollyrooke@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2016 8:22 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

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Sincerely,  
Molly Rooke  
5825 Palm Lane  
Dallas, TX 75206

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Eric Samson [mailto:hombrehambre@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:52 PM  
**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>  
**Subject:** consentbasedsiting

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Sincerely,

Eric Samson, PhD

100 Crescent St., #318

Middletown, CT 06457

## Consent-Based Siting

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-----Original Message-----

From: Eileen Shaughnessy [mailto:eileens@unm.edu]

Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 8:55 PM

To: Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: We do NOT Consent!

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Sincerely,

Eileen Shaughnessy  
413 Hermosa Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108



## Consent-Based Siting

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-----Original Message-----

From: William F. Simmons [mailto:william.f.simmons@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 11:31 PM

To: Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: Public Comment: Consent-Based Siting

\*Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting \*

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Sincerely,

William F. Simmons  
P.O. Box 284  
Van Horn TX 79855

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Ric Sternberg [mailto:ric@aimproductions.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:07 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Subject:** Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

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Ric Sternberg  
24815 Hamilton Pool Rd.  
Round Mountain, TX 78663

## Consent-Based Siting

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**From:** Ivan Stout [mailto:ivan.stout@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 31, 2016 10:07 PM

**To:** Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

**Cc:** Chiaki Kasahara <chiaki.stout@gmail.com>

**Subject:** NO CONSENT to high-level radioactive waste (From Fukushima Evacuees)

Dear U.S. Department of Energy,

In 2011 I evacuated my family from our home in Japan which lies 100 miles from the Fukushima meltdown. Seeing the Japanese government play down the public health concerns of the accident was a large reason behind our decision to evacuate. Here we are 5 years later after moving to Texas, and I sincerely hope I am not seeing the same callous disregard for public health that I did by the Japanese government. We have seen amazing developments in truly safe energy sources over this same time (Texas being the leading state in wind power generation). To contrast this with the plan to turn Texas in to a high-level radioactive waste dump is surreal. Surely this reflects the failure of a small minority of decision makers to realize that the economics behind energy production have changed forever.

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Sincerely,

Ivan Stout  
2310 Wilma Rudolph RD  
Austin, TX 78748

## Consent-Based Siting

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-----Original Message-----

From: Maxwell Stout [mailto:maxwellstout@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 11:36 PM

To: Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: Response to DOE Invitation for Public Comment regarding Consent-Based Siting

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Sincerely

Maxwell Bryant Stout

4451 Stony Meadow Lane

Austin TX 78731



## Consent-Based Siting

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 5:38 PM

To: Consent Based Siting <consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov>

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Valerie Thatcher Murphy, PhD  
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## Consent-Based Siting

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Dear U.S. Department of Energy,

The federal government knows that no one wants radioactive waste in their backyard, and in 2012 the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future came out with a plan to get communities to "volunteer" to take dangerous radioactive waste from around the country. The truth is that there really is no such thing as "Consent" to radioactive waste storage. It can only be forced and coerced. Manufactured consent is not real consent and financial bribes should not be used to con a community into taking on this deadly legacy.

There is no need to consolidate radioactive waste for the purpose of storage. Any shipment of this cancer-causing waste should happen only once, and only to a permanent repository, if a site can be found based on sound science that might be able to isolate waste of over 250,000 years. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has previously said that the least risky option is to keep the waste stored securely at or close to the site of generation, and most nuclear reactor sites are now licensed to do so.

If the plan to transport radioactive waste for consolidated storage moves forward, people in any host county or in any county through which radioactive waste would be transported should be able to vote on whether or not to "consent," and not have state or local political leaders speak for them on this crucial health and safety issue. These are the people most at risk. Those living near aquifers that could become contaminated should be able to vote as well, and interests that stand to benefit from high-level radioactive waste storage, such as the license applicant, contractors and utilities, should be prohibited from expending funds to influence the elections.

Texas and New Mexico are the states most targeted for storing the nation's high-level radioactive waste and should have been the first asked about whether they "consent," but DOE failed to schedule even a single meeting in either state. This shows utter disregard for those they may get dumped on. Instead eight meetings were held elsewhere around the country. Is this an effort to get people to gang up against our region? People at ground zero are most likely to be impacted, but DOE did not see fit to hold a meeting here. It is clear that rules and policies based on this "consent-based siting" process and the meetings held are likely to be unfair, inappropriate and perhaps designed to dump on our region.

Many people in Texas and New Mexico have signed petitions saying that they DO NOT CONSENT to having radioactive waste from the nation's nuclear reactors stored in their backyard. The 2016 Democratic Party Platform calls for a halt to the misguided plan for consolidated storage of high-level radioactive waste.

The effort to send the nation's most deadly radioactive waste to the Texas/New Mexico region is an example of extreme environmental injustice. The largely Hispanic communities in the Texas/ New

Mexico region don't benefit from nuclear energy produced around the country. They should not have to suffer the burden of having deadly waste stored in their backyard, posing threats to their health and safety. It is not their patriotic duty to do so.

The plan to ship the nation's deadly nuclear reactor waste to Texas / New Mexico should be halted immediately due to the risks of radioactive contamination from leaks, accidents or terrorist attacks. Our health, land and aquifers would be threatened. A person exposed up close to the waste would die within a week, and leaks could lead to cancer and genetic damage.

We ask that the DOE not portray us as wanting to accept this waste. People in Texas and New Mexico DO NOT CONSENT to having the nation's deadly radioactive waste dumped in our backyard.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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