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My name is Anne Kawaters. I live in Chicago Heights. I am a 31 year resident of the south suburbs and am chair of the Sauk-Calumet Group, Sierra Club. 1400+ members - area thru which these shipment would travel

speaking as a SC representative I want to say that we

I certainly agree with the statement ^{that will be given later in this comment period} given by Jack Darin., Field Representative for the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club.

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I feel that two further major points should be stressed.

and here I speak as a private individual:

- 1. 1. Recently our local Citizens Advisory Panel to the chemical industry was denied risk management plan information on a worst case scenario basis due to FBI concerns for terrorist activities. This covered Fixed chemical plants of different sizes and relative risks. No thought was considered to the shipment of materials and no cumulative risk was considered due to the number of plants in the area.

With all the variables to consider in the shipment of nuclear waste no such concern for terrorism has been expressed. *in the presentation by the DOE today's*

- 2. 2. I've always considered the response of the nuclear industry to risk management to be ~~some~~ "emotional" when the cap for total liability was put in place. Their emotional response says 'we can't handle the risk versus benefit analysis beyond this point and we don't want to think about it'. The problem is, the insurance cap for power reactors has been standing for decades without a Government Accounting Office review being made public, or to my knowledge, not made at all. Inflation and aging of reactors should be of actuarial concern. Before we allow this run away fait accompli let's stop and reevaluate, request GAO audit, and make public the liability/insurance considerations and who will pay for them.

Risk Management is essentially a scales that we have been adding to incrementally to try to manage balance but this issue is an enormous weight added to the negative side of the scales for all Americans.