

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Re: Weapons-grade nuclear waste shipments to U.S. prompt outcry

I am writing to you regarding a news article which the CBC posted on September 5, 2016. The plan to ship weapons-grade nuclear waste from a federal lab northwest of Ottawa to the United States is a serious concern for our communities along the potential route.

Please stop the planned transport of liquid radioactive waste from the former Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. laboratory in Chalk River, Ont., to South Carolina. The route could take it through Ontario's fruit-rich Niagara Region. As a resident, I am seriously concerned about the safety and environmental issues and want it stopped immediately.

According to the article, "The plan is for about 150 shipments by truck to South Carolina, a minimum distance of nearly 1,700 kilometres from Chalk River, which is 180 km northwest of Ottawa. Each shipment would carry four 58-litre steel containers placed inside a larger steel and lead tube, carrying liquid radioactive waste including isotopes of cesium, iodine, strontium and plutonium, according to the U.S. lawsuit. The waste would also contain a modest but dangerous quantity of highly enriched uranium, which can be used to make a nuclear bomb, the lawsuit states."

The Niagara area's regional government passed a motion last year opposing the shipments and there is concern from municipalities along the route who oppose the plan to transport this toxic liquid waste.

The route through Canada and the timetable for shipments are being kept secret. First responders working in our volunteer forces and in emergency services would be exposed if there was an accident.

I am asking the Government of Canada to halt the ground transportation of nuclear waste in Ontario because I do not believe that it is necessary, safe or in the best interest of the environment, health, safety and wellbeing of the public.

I am opposed to having toxic liquid nuclear waste shipped over our highways and bridges, through our communities and near our vineyards, farmland, lakes, rivers and streams. Please stop it!

Sincerely,

Signature

Print name

Address

Copy to MP: _____

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