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**To:** Managing Radioactive Waste: Call For Evidence on the Siting Process for a Geological  
**Subject:** Disposal Facility

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I write to you as a concerned member of the public living in Esse x  
I was unable to use the pro-forma on your website  
therefore I am emailing you direct.

1) I believe the volunteer process failed in Cumbria principally because of a loss of trust in the government & nuclear industry. The first & most urgent way forward must be to clean up & ensure the long term safety of the waste which is in storage in that area right now. We must no longer be faced with, for instance, a reduction in beach sampling to save costs & subsequent statements that numbers of radio-active nuclides found on the beaches have reduced. Whatever the cost the necessary actions must be taken, no more weasel words.

2) It should be accepted that a GDF will be more difficult to achieve here than in countries with much higher land/population ratios & government should stop using its vain hope that this will happen by 2040 to justify new build nuclear power stations in UK. We need to concentrate on ensuring that we have sufficient & safe long-term 'interim' storage facilities to deal with the wastes from existing nuclear operations.

3) The people of Cumbria should be properly compensated for the risk they have to bear in the name of nuclear waste management which is only acceptable if it increases well-being in affected communities. It is not acceptable for there to remain areas of deprivation and childhood poverty in West Cumbria.

4) Other areas which may be subject to living with nuclear waste storage for the long-term should also be adequately compensated, and be seen so to be, to regain public trust.

5) No area should ever have to accept waste from another area without full prior consultation, agreement, planning consents & compensation.

6) Meanwhile research should continue into finding potentially suitable sites for a future GDF, taking full account of environmental sensitivities as well as geological suitability. Locations found to be environmentally or geologically inappropriate should be excluded before the government approaches any area to volunteer again.

7) The principles of the volunteer process are correct, but openness, trust & partnership need to be restored before any further negotiations for a GDF can be expected to take place.