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## **Summary of Public Comments on Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments for Nuclear Energy Facilities and Nuclear Waste Storage**

Below is a summary of public comments received regarding the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments pertaining to nuclear energy facilities and nuclear waste storage.

- **July 17, 2025 at 3:09 PM - Tambrey and David Groves (Sent to Board Office)**
  - Concerned about nuclear waste and potential explosions due to the proposed zoning changes near their property south of Sloan.
  - Value the peace and quiet of their retirement homestead and wish to maintain their lifestyle of raising chickens and growing food without the risks associated with nuclear facilities.
  - Request reconsideration of any proposals that would place nuclear facilities close to their home.
- **July 17, 2025 at 5:11 PM - Tambrey and David Groves (Replied to Planning and Zoning Office)**
  - Expressed concern about the visual impact of a nuclear plant, which would ruin the beautiful views from their windows and decks.
  - Emphasized their desire to enjoy a peaceful retirement with unspoiled views, having spent a year finding their ideal homestead.
- **July 22, 2025 at 7:06 AM - Suzy Turnquist (Sent to Auditor's Office)**
  - Opposed to a nuclear waste dump in an area known for food production, citing concerns about contamination.
  - Suggested alternative land use, such as building large greenhouses for year-round healthy food production, especially in light of tariffs on imported vegetables.
  - Advocated for cleaner electricity sources, referencing European innovations like solar roads, and urged Sioux City to set a positive example rather than becoming a dumping ground for nuclear waste.
- **July 22, 2025 at 19:20 AM - Riley Galvin (Sent to Board Office)**
  - Expressed deep concerns about radiation from a nuclear plant contaminating air, water, and land, which are considered sacred as a member of the Omaha and Hochunk tribes.
  - Worried about the long-term dangers of nuclear accidents and radioactive waste, which can remain hazardous for thousands of years.
  - Highlighted health and safety risks, including potential cancer and death from radiation exposure, and questioned the high costs and limited lifespan (40-50 years) of nuclear plants.
  - Urged prevention of potential accidents to protect future generations, including their son and family.

## Daniel Priestley

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**From:** Tambrey Groves <tambrey.groves@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** Daniel Priestley  
**Subject:** Nuclear re-zoning

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Mr. Priestly,

While I am unable to take time off of work to come look at the proposed zoning changes, nor will I be able to attend a meeting, since they are held during normal working hours, I am sending an email to voice my concerns about any zoning changes to be made near my home.

We moved to our property south of Sloan a year ago. We love the peace and quiet, and just want to raise our chickens and grow our own food...and not need to worry about nuclear waste or explosions! If anything is proposed to be near our sleepy little town, I ask that you reconsider. We don't want or need it this close to home.

Thank you

Sincerely.  
Tambrey & David Groves  
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Sloan, IA

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**From:** Tambrey Groves <tambrey.groves@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Daniel Priestley  
**Cc:** Karen James  
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Thank you for your fast reply! I did also think after I sent my email, that I have a beautiful view from all of our windows and decks, and I don't want that ruined with having to look at a nuclear plant. We took a year to find our perfect retirement homestead, and just want to live out our days in peace and quiet, with lovely views. Thanks again!  
Tambrey & David Groves

On Thu, Jul 17, 2025, 3:54 PM Daniel Priestley <[dpriestley@woodburycountyiowa.gov](mailto:dpriestley@woodburycountyiowa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Tambrey and David Groves,

Thank you for taking the time to email us and express your concerns regarding the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments concerning nuclear energy facilities and nuclear waste storage. We have received your comments and appreciate you sharing your thoughts with us.

We understand that attending meetings during working hours can be challenging, and we appreciate your willingness to participate in the process through written comments. Your input is valuable to us and will be included in the record.

Thank you again for your email. If you have any further comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Respectfully and sincerely,

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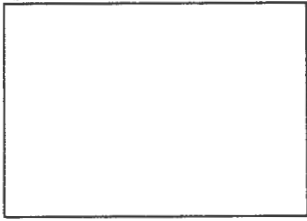
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## Email from the Woodbury County Website

**Name:** Suzy Turnquist

**Email:** Sturnq@yahoo.com

**Comments:**

So I saw on the news where you were considering a nuclear waste dump? In an area that grows a lot of food? I would hate to see this happen. With trumps tariffs on veggies from other down south, maybe we should consider using land to build large greenhouses and grow healthy food in the Midwest year around. And look for cleaner sources of electricity. Europeans are doing things with solar roads. Sioux City is worth so much more than a place to be a dumping ground for nuclear waste that no one knows what to do with. Let's be a great example. Not a dumping ground. Thank you for all you do.

This form was submitted via the Woodbury County website at 7:05 am on July 22, 2025.

My name is Riley Galvin. I am 26 yrs old, I am a member of the Omaha Tribe but I am also Hochunk from the Winnebago Tribe, I've lived on the reservation/Sioux city area my whole life. I am writing this letter to address the concerns I have for this nuclear plant. I am concerned about this being built because of the radiation that gets release into the air that can contaminate our water, land, and air. As a spiritual person, these things that we get from Mother Earth are sacred and we need to take care of them. I have a son and family I am worried about, especially for the future. I am worried about nuclear accidents/nuclear waste, which materials can still remain dangerous and radioactive for thousands of years! That should be the main reason why this plant does not get built, on top of that, what about the costs of building something like this? I know it's not cheap and from my understanding they only last about 40-50 years. IS IT EVEN WORTH IT? I'm not interested in the "pros" that nuclear reactors do, I am worried about health and safety of human beings if something goes left and radiation is exposed to the public – which will have long lasting effects such as cancer and death. Accidents happen all the time – why not prevent something horrible from happening? Even if it may not affect you directly. Think about your families, children, and grandchildren.