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Dear Chairman Meserve, US NRC

I have followed the history of the VSC-24 fiasco since its proposed generic rulemaking. We have some loaded here in WI. The coating problems have continued with Trojan. Now I see the present president and CEO of BFS has quit. I can certainly see why. When they purchased SNC, they were full of bright promises of correcting everything to excellence! I don't think they really had any idea of the scope of the mess they were getting into. We of the public certainly did. I have deep concern that they have still not completed actions associated with a Demand for Information way back in Oct 1997. Why hasn't this been done? What are the deficiencies remaining? What are you doing about it? I'd really like to know. I live here with these casks. And more will be loaded here. Seems to me some fines and violation letters are in order here — if not, why not? I am sick and tired of BFS promises. What is the situation with the impact limiter basket analysis? What is the situation with coatings resolution? Please send documents describing the situation in detail. I'd appreciate that.

You are in charge of NRC now and I hope for some improvement under your leadership. It is sadly needed in the area of dry cask storage. The duct tape and flammable plastic tube used in venting hydrogen at Palisades was bad enough. Now we have the mess in loading at Trojan. Has this been rectified? How? It's time for NRC to get tough with vendors and utilities. Dry cask storage is a main concern, and the more faulty casks NRC

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allows — yes "allows" — to be loaded, the worse the problems get for DOE in the future to unload these casks and rely on the spent fuel as the 1st effective barrier (cladding) in a repository. Spent fuel has a memory — don't forget that. What you allow to happen to it now and in future unloading and loading again, transport etc. — will have a great effect on any repository design. This needs to be integrated. You can't go along accepting dry cask problems one after another because vendors and utilities continue to do a sloppy job and not fullfill NRC criteria. I hope the buck stops at your desk and you do something about this mess. It has gone on and on and on long enough. The public is tired of all the excuses. If a cask design doesn't make the grade, get rid of it!! There are others out there. Don't keep trying to make something work that was broken long ago — The VSC-24 and Transtor design is fatally flawed. It's fact that fact now. If not, I want to know why not. Please address this grave concern carefully — The future of the whole waste system depends on what casks you allow to be loaded now. This is your job.

Thank you.

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