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Attention: Tim Harris and Michael T. Lesar  
Regarding: Comments on the Scope of NRC EIS MOX

Dear Sirs:

Please consider, accept, implement and publish the following comments and concerns being submitted by Don't Waste Michigan to you in this letter commenting on the proposed production and use of weapons-grade plutonium fuel.

First and foremost, Just Stop It! The "No Action" alternative under the National Environmental Policy Act must first be considered. Second, the comment period must be extended to allow for review of a plethora of documents which have been systematically withheld from public review.

Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) is a dangerous road to travel for a multitude of reasons ranging from radiological to sociological. The remainder of our comments will focus on the sociological. However, the comments made today do not exhaust our concerns regarding this misguided venture by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the current corporate-military junta advocating this Plutonium Economy.

The ramifications of a Plutonium Economy have been investigated in a multitude of forums by scholars and governmental bodies. In 1975-76 the Harvard School of Law conducted a forum on the Plutonium Economy. Participants were drawn from Industry, Legal, and Security communities. The bottom line of this investigation was that a Plutonium Economy necessitated a Police State. In order to move to a Plutonium Economy much of the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing Civil Liberties would be suspended.

In Michigan we have witnessed this heavy handed approach in January 2000 when an armored military escort transported MOX fuel rods for the "Parallex Project" complete with authorization for the use of lethal force. This was clearly against the will of the people.

In January 2000, some 400 U.S. Marine Reservists conducted Arctic Exercises in arctic camouflage on the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, Canada. Later that week when the MOX shipment was flown illegally from Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, unidentified armored personnel in arctic camouflage guarded the airport. Public Relations for the Marine Reservists considered this a "Wonderful Cross Cultural Exchange." The environmental and social justice communities considered this the smiley face export of Nuclear Fascism.

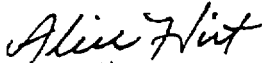
For the purpose of the aforementioned "Scoping of the Environmental Impact Statement on MOX Use" please incorporate a full review of the ramifications to civil liberties to local, regional, national and international communities that would result as a use of MOX as a fuel source. What will be the implications on the civilian population regarding the security necessitated to guard the plutonium / MOX? NEPA prescribes that these are incorporated into the EIS. Please do so.

Thank you for your review of our comments. We look forward to them being included in the scoping process. Please make our comments public in this process.

Sincerely,



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