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Mike Lesar
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U.S. Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Lesar:

I am concerned about plans to license a Plutonium Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Savannah River Site. I understand that there will be an estimated 300,000 gallons of liquid radioactive waste per year generated during plutonium purification operations. In addition, there will be significant radioactive wastes from converting the resultant MOX fuel into nuclear energy. What are your plans for storing this waste safely? How can you protect the citizens and land of South Carolina from the harmful effects of this waste? In addition, how can you guarantee protection from the potential harm of transporting and handling the plutonium itself? Has the geological instability of the Savannah River Site area been fully considered in planning this location for plutonium fuel fabrication?

Please add my questions to the EIS for the proposed MOX facility at SRS.

Sincerely,
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