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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I hope this letter can be included in the hearing record.

Thank you for the hearing on the proposed use of reprocessed nuclear waste for Duke nuclear reactors.

Although many of my questions were addressed, if not fully answered, some information seemed to be lacking. For example, the relicensing status of the reactor(s) was not mentioned, at least I did not hear it.

The exhibits were often unlabeled, and such clear ones as appeared -the schedule of official actions - was not included in the briefing handouts. I did appreciate the summary of previous testimony very much.

Without the opportunity for more facts and more time to consider, I do have immediate objections to any investment in this idea.

First, the problem of moving and storing nuclear waste is far more daunting than the briefing made clear. Comparison with alternative energy supply and consumption possibilities shows this is a sufficient reason to halt any thought of additional use of nuclear sources.

The proposal to produce this fuel for use in privately owned reactors without a cost to the owners of the reactors seems unwise because it hides the real cost - building the fuel plants and bringing the fuel to them, and then to the reactor sites.

Also the owners avoid the waste disposal cost, which has been moved into the federal budget.

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