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Dear NRC.

I do not support any attempt of your agency to narrow the scope of site-specific issues by declaring them to be generic.

While the 9/11 events may call for some more secrecy, in most cases it's a matter of "closing the gates long after the horses are gone". Instead you should adopt a policy of allowing more public participation to

ensure public confidence in your process!

Re 9/11: I direct you to a quote from a recently published German report concerning the vulnerability of the Castor containers to terrorism: "the fact that all the technical data used in the report can ve accessed by terrorists does not imply that a more restrictive policy towards information is required. Rather, it should be regarded as an argument against the use of a technology which is, at the time, hazardous and complex to a large degree, creating a conflict between the necessary societal discussion on the one hand and the protection of society from terrorist attacks on the other." Compare: www.bund.net/themen/energgiepolitik/StudieCASTORTerror.rtf If we eliminate the necessary public discussion the terrorists will have won! KLaus Schumann

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