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**To:** Breck Henderson <BWH@nrc.gov>, Patricia Borcshman <Pdbsongs1@cs.com>  
**Date:** 2/13/02 7:11PM  
**Subject:** [Fwd: Fwd: NRC proceedings for SONGS]

What is going on? Who is in charge? No required hearings, is this a new strategy by the NRC to railroad the public who must live by these high level radioactive waste sites? Will this be a precedent for Diablo Canyon?

Please answer as soon as possible, something appears very wrong.

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**From:** <beckers@thegrid.net>  
**To:** Tim Kobetz <tjk1@nrc.gov>  
**Date:** 2/19/02 12:38PM  
**Subject:** Questions

Dear Mr. Kobetz,

I understand you would rather do this by phone, but the fact we have not been able to connect should be a signal to you that this is not realistic. If the questions that I submit below should require follow up, I will follow up.

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**From:** Timothy Kobetz  
**To:** beckers@thegrid.net  
**Date:** 2/19/02 1:53PM  
**Subject:** Re: Questions

Mrs. Becker,

The difference between the NRC's licensing process for the SONGS independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) and the Diablo Canyon ISFSI is that SONGS has elected to store the spent fuel using a general license. A general license allows utilities with an reactor operating license to store fuel in a cask design that has previously been reviewed and approved by the NRC. The cask that is ultimately chosen by the utility must be designed to withstand all environmental conditions for that site including earthquakes.

Diablo Canyon elected to request a site specific license.

In December 1996, NRC published the "**Information Handbook on Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations**," which fully describes both the general licensing and the site specific licensing processes and the history of why NRC developed both processes as Congress required in the "Nuclear Waste Policy Act." **If you provide me an address I would be glad to send you a copy.** I think you will find the publication very informative and responds to your questions in much greater detail that I can in an e-mail.

If, after you have reviewed the handbook, you still have questions please contact me or the NRC Office of Public Affairs at [OPA@NRC.gov](mailto:OPA@NRC.gov).

Thank you for your interest,

Tim

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