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To the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch
Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

The NRC is long overdue to take their job seriously as regulators of the nuclear industry. The NRC must stop catering to the nuclear industry's every whim, and actually fulfill their primary mission "to protect public health and safety, and the environment from the effects of radiation from nuclear reactors, materials, and waste facilities."

The NRC has begun a preliminary "scoping" process to draft an environmental impact statement for the license renewal of nuclear power plants. Specifically, you are re-evaluating your 1995 findings on a wide range of NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) issues that must be addressed generically before a license renewal can be granted.

I am writing to let you know that I don't accept:

An additional 400-600 tons of high-level waste from every re-licensed nuclear reactor – waste that poses unacceptable health and safety risks for generations to come . We must stop creating this waste!

Another 20 years of risks that catastrophic accidents like Three Mile Island may be repeated in your community, or that another close call like that at Davis-Besse will go too far.

The additional economic burden that nuclear plant owner-operators pass on to ratepayers.

The health risks from routine radiation releases from nuclear plants, and from contamination of groundwater, air and soil.

Sincerely,

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