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Gentlemen:

It seems incredible that the relicensing of these plants for another 20 years does not send a red flag waving high over your Building. Spent fuel pools were designed for a certain capacity by "Experts" The design was gutted and the pools were densely compacted. The plants were deemed by "Experts" to safely operate for 40 years. This too is now being ignored.. Who are the "Experts" now busily doing the Companies bidding, when your job description is to protect the public. Who are the "Experts" with the mendacity to tell us that these plants can operate safely. (In spite of Bessie Davies and the numerous other "mishaps")
 So now we have a new Department "aging management" .Is this to take charge of leaks, embrittlement, corrosions ect.?
 During the Peach Bottom Hearings Mr. McDowell stated that there is NEAR unanimous agreement in the Scientific Community in the radiological public health sector that the existing standards are adequately protective of public health. (Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants, September 10 NUREG-1437)
 With all due respect NEAR is not good enough.!

History does not evoke confidence in your decisions
 On December 5th, 1978 Dr. Joseph Hendrie, Chairman of your agency at that time wrote a letter to Mr. James Schlesinger, Chairman of DOE which stated in part :

" The Commission would not continue to license reactors if it did not have reasonable confidence that the wastes can and will in due course be disposed of safely. Thus, the Commission has itself linked continued reactor licensing and waste disposal. The commission is committed to reassessing its basis for confidence as new data are developed and progress is made in the federal program"

Really? What progress ? This was written almost 25 years ago. These men have long gone but nothing has changed.

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