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Subject: Comment regarding Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for
Rulemaking to Amend 10 CFR Part
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Citizens Awareness Network supports the Massachusetts Attorney General's
petition for rulemaking to rescind the NRC's finding that environmental
impacts of spent reactor fuel pool storage are insignificant. We agree
with the petitioners request that the NRC Commission:

- (a) consider new and significant information showing that NRC's
characterization of the environmental impacts of spent fuel storage as
insignificant in the 1996 Generic Environmental Impact Statement for
Renewal of Nuclear Power Plant Licenses is incorrect,
- (b) revoke regulations codifying the incorrect conclusion eliminating
consideration of spent fuel storage impacts in NEPA decision-making
documents,
- (c) issue a generic determination that the environmental impacts of
high-density spent fuel pool storage are significant, and
- (d) order that any NRC licensing decision that approves high-density
spent fuel pool storage at a nuclear power reactor or other facility
must require the creation of an environmental impact statement ("EIS")
addressing (i) the environmental impacts of high density pool storage of
spent fuel at that nuclear reactor and (ii) provide a reasonable array
of alternatives for avoiding or mitigating those impacts.

Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition meets the standard for
Rulemaking Petitions. NRC regulation 10 C.F.R. § 2.802(a) provides that
"[a]ny interested person may petition the Commission to issue, amend or
rescind any regulation." The regulations require that the petitioner
describes specific issues involved, views or arguments with respect to
those issues, relevant technical, scientific or other data involved
which is reasonably available to the petitioner, and other pertinent
information that the petitioner deems necessary to support the action
sought. 10 C.F.R. § 2.802(c)(3). The Massachusetts AG s meets this standard.

The rule also requires that the petitioner "should note any specific
cases of which petitioner is aware where the current rule is unduly
burdensome, deficient, or needs to be strengthened." The AG has met this
requirement as well. The AG requests the revocation of 10 C.F.R. §§

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51.53(c)(2) and 51.95(c) and Table B-1 of Appendix A to 10 C.F.R. Part 51 to ensure NEPA compliance in the Pilgrim and Vermont Yankee license renewal cases if the ASLB or the Commission interprets those regulations to bar the consideration of significant new information presented by the Attorney General's contentions regarding the environmental impacts of high-density pool storage of spent fuel. CAN supports this revocation.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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