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I support the Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for Rulemaking.

Specifically, I support the Attorney General's position that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission should:

- (a) Consider new and significant information showing that NRC incorrectly characterized the environmental impacts of spent fuel storage as insignificant,
- (b) Revoke the regulations which codify that incorrect conclusion and excuse the NRC's failure to consider spent fuel storage impacts in the licensing process,
- (c) Issue a generic determination that the environmental impacts of high-density pool storage of spent fuel are significant, and
- (d) Order that any NRC licensing decision that approves high-density pool storage of spent fuel at a nuclear power plant or any other facility must be accompanied by an EIS that addresses (i) the environmental impacts of high-density pool storage of spent fuel at that nuclear plant and (ii) a reasonable array of alternatives for avoiding or mitigating those impacts.

I believe that this rule change is crucial to better protect the Commonwealth's public health and safety, especially in light of the fact that new and significant developments, including but not limited to the events of 9/11 and the President's statement that nuclear power plants are on terrorist's lists, have significantly increased the possibility of a spent fuel incident since the rule was written.

Very truly yours,

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