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Ref: Progress Energy license application for two additional nuclear reactors at its Shearon Harris plant at New Hill, N.C.

At a recent scoping meeting for the proposed license your representative, as the last speaker, told us that there was a licensing process like the Progress Energy application, Now in progress for a National storage facility for nuclear waste. ~~That rang a bell with me, for as I remember that is exactly~~ the same thing we were told over 30 years ago when they wanted to build the first plant. Don't you think 30 years is long enough? We believe that the National storage facility plus spent rod facility should be approved and activated before you issue any new licenses.

About 20 years ago there was a request for a license to establish a district nuclear waste storage facility near our Shearon Harris plant. Even though this location didn't meet the qualifications for a district storage, Progress Energy has been shipping spent nuclear rods from its other nuclear plants to our plant for storage. Now they are a merged company that extends all the way into Florida. This new area has nuclear plants also, and we are told that they are applying for two new plants there. We are also told that our Harris plant has the largest nuclear rod storage pool in the U.S. Will we who have lived here for over 80 years have the extra anxiety of what is equivalent to an unapproved regional storage in our back yards? We think that those who live near a nuclear plant should not have to be concerned with both nuclear plants and unspent rods or waste at the same time. Especially with the terrorist threats we have today, are you prepared to protect all these waste sits for many century's?

Even though we would rather not have them we do not oppose the nuclear plants if they will store their spent rods and waste some place else.

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