

Rulemaking Comments

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Re: Federal Register Notice: 73 FR 197-- 10/09/2008 Docket ID-2008-0482 and Docket ID-2008-0404

The proposed changes in the "waste confidence decision" in regard to waste are not grounded in the facts of the situation.

Current storage of irradiated fuel at nuclear power plants has been shown to be unsafe, with the degree of lack of safety, varying with the plant. Existing regulations as to this waste are often not enforced, and the waste provides a prime target for terrorists. The situations in which irradiated fuel is now stored at nuclear reactors need to be corrected, before the NRC can presume to make a judgement that waste can be safely stored at reactors for sixty plus years.

Yucca Mountain has been shown to be geologically unsuited to the storage of nuclear waste. No other site has been studied in depth. It is pure guess work that a suitable site deep-underground storage site can be identified, licensed, and constructed in the next sixty of so years.

The only rational decision in regard to irradiated fuel is to stop producing it until a workable, safe solution to its disposal is in effect, not just on paper.

Sincerely,

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