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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Rockville, MD  
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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Re: 73 FR 197 -- 10/09/2008  
Docket ID?2008?0482 and Docket ID-2008-0404

I grew up near the Millstone Power Plant site.

Poor design, poor quality control, in some cases faulty fabrication put us all in jeopardy. Frequent incidental releases of low level radiation as well as the the speaker tower system suggesting a major lack of confidence in the safety of nuclear power systems at the highest levels of government suggest that reasonable folks should be concerned.

Overall lack of security and monitoring have left all reactor communities extremely vulnerable to catastrophe, as well as to a chronic level of unease. No insurance company will insure communities for possible damage from nuclear power plants. That fact alone suggests that no reasonable person would take this risk. If insurance companies won't take the risk, why should whole communities of people?

I am writing to urge nuclear waste realism: the NRC should suspend all generation of atomic waste from new sources unless and until a truly permanent program that is scientifically sound and rooted in a just and equitable siting/decision process is instituted. I also support a NEPA analysis of the issues associated with wastes generated at every step in the fuel chain, prior to any federal action.

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