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Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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

NRC Must Acknowledge the Dangers of Nuclear Waste and Comply With the National Environmental Policy Act

The citizens of California voted years ago to prohibit construction of additional nuclear power plants until there was a reliable solution to the problem of very long term storage of toxic radioactive waste. To date there has been no solution to this problem and the proposed Yucca Mountain storage site is hopelessly flawed for this purpose.

The siting and licensing of new nuclear power reactors is a major federal action, and it is appropriate for the NRC to conduct a site-specific Environmental Impact Statement process under NEPA for each of these licensing actions. The NRC has previously identified high-level radioactive waste generation as a generic issue, therefore it is appropriate that any major federal action on radioactive waste (such as changing the Waste Confidence Decision) be considered in a generic (programmatic) NEPA proceeding. Such an inquiry must include all aspects of the nuclear fuel chain -- since the decision to site and license new nuclear power reactors triggers not only more radioactive waste generation at nuclear power reactor sites -- it also triggers new radioactive waste generation at every point in the fuel chain starting with the mining of uranium, through the many processing steps (milling, conversion, enrichment, conversion, fuel fabrication) and all the transportation links in between. The impact to workers, nearby residents, communities, our environment and the consideration of alternatives to these impacts must be included in this impact analysis. For too long the true costs of our energy production have been labeled "externalities" and not factored in energy decisions. It is time that the full scope of the radioactive legacy of nuclear energy be included in Federal decision-making.

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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