

Rulemaking Comments

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Dear Sirs,

Regarding the proposed wording of findings 2 and 4 of Federal Register Notice: 73 FR 197-- 10/09/2008 Docket ID-2008-0482 and Docket ID-2008-0404, I strongly protest. In my 40 years of paying attention to energy technologies, I have never come across any miracle of nuclear technology that would recommend its further use. I have hopes that such a technology might emerge, but that must be confined to research and public debate until proven.

In the meantime, your agency has a mission and moral responsibility to regulate the technology as it stands. Without a solution to the waste problem (disregarding the security from terrorists and unscrupulous dealers) your agency must be very intolerant of the production of more waste. The assertion that waste can be sequestered in ("sufficient mined geologic repository capacity can reasonably be expected to be available") repository(ies) that are not even close to political or practical existence and that such waste and lots more can be safely stored on site at present nuclear facilities is a ludicrous proposition approaching malfeasance. Just read the Scientific American articles recently in a special issue to realize that the problem at the technical level is daunting and the cost where we are now is beyond our means to do a proper job. Whatever are you thinking to assert that we're OK and making more is trivial?

You must not jump in with this radically wrong approach.

Sincerely,

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