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Recently, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a public meeting at a local community college in Monroe, Michigan on a proposal for a Fermi III nuclear power plant. I attended the meeting in the afternoon.

As I listened to the nearly 40 speakers in the afternoon, it became apparent my biggest concern was not addressed, thus the reason for this letter.

My concern is how the industry and DOE are dealing with the safe, long-term storage of nuclear wastes, some which have half-lives in the thousands of years and some in millions of years. The efforts at Yucca Mountain, Nevada are failing. As a matter of fact, President Obama has indicated he will withdraw the license application to operate the facility. I understand the concern at Yucca Mountain is the unstable geologic strata.

With the opening of Yucca Mountain in doubt, there is no facility anywhere in the United States to store waste for the long term. Meantime the 104 nuclear power plants in operation today are temporarily storing the waste on site. That is unacceptable. Until there is a reliable, failproof facility to store the thousand of tons of waste already produced, a moratorium on new construction of nuclear power plants should be declared.

Not only is this issue a big concern to me, it is a concern for my children and grandchildren. As the government agency responsible for enforcement of the regulations for nuclear power and the radioactive waste that is generated, I am counting on you to carry out your duty. Please advise me how the NRC is going to deal with the enforcement mandate.

I appreciate your timely response.

Sincerely,

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