

# MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary,  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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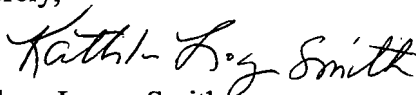
Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Missouri Coalition for the Environment hereby joins in comments on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's ("NRC's") proposed Waste Confidence Decision Update, 73 Fed. Reg. 59,551 (October 9, 2008) ("Proposed Waste Confidence Decision"); and its proposed rule entitled: Consideration of Environmental Impacts of Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel After Cessation of Reactor Operation, 73 Fed. Reg. 59,547 (October 9, 2008) that were submitted on February 6, 2009, by Texans for a Sound Energy Policy, Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, Beyond Nuclear, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Environmental Coalition on Nuclear Power, Friends of the Earth, Friends of the Coast Opposing Nuclear Pollution, New England Coalition, Grandmothers, Mothers and More for Safe Energy, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Nuclear Free Vermont by 2012, Nuclear Watch South, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pilgrim Watch, Public Citizen, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, the Sierra Club, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Snake River Alliance, and the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition.

The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) state-level conservation organization founded in 1969. MCE's mission is to "preserve, protect and enhance an environment that is livable, healthful and sustainable through a comprehensive program of education, citizen action and legal defense." MCE has a long history of working to protect Missouri's wild places, promoting clean, safe, renewable energy, of building coalitions, coordinating campaigns and conducting public education and outreach.

We join in the comments because we are potential neighbors of a new nuclear power plant and we are concerned that the NRC does not have an adequate basis under the Atomic Energy Act or the National Environmental Policy Act to allow the generation of spent fuel from the plant.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director