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Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to encourage the NRC to take steps to increase the security and safety of nuclear waste stored at civilian nuclear reactor sites, which remains unacceptably vulnerable to a terrorist attack or accident.

Living as I do, just 30 miles from Indian Point and, therefore, from a very large collection of nuclear waste, I have a very large stake in

the decisions you make regarding this material. I and all my neighbors

and local friends and family are equally endangered by the inadequacies of the existing rules and regulations which you are currently considering.

Specifically, I urge you to support a rule change that would strengthen

the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against foreseeable threats, such as sophisticated terrorist attacks, which might well

occur over the next several decades. Please adopt provision (11) of the rulemaking petition submitted by the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, which outlines this change.

Those upgrades could include a combination of physical measures, such as putting spent fuel casks into enclosed buildings, using earthen

embankments or other barriers, and other measures such as insuring that intruders will be denied access to independent spent fuel storage installations.

In addition, the current practice of allowing the rods to be stored in wet pools where they are densely packed together poses a dangerous

security risk. In the absence of a place to permanently store the waste underground, the NRC should require plants to promptly transfer spent

fuel from the pools to dry casks as soon as the fuel has cooled enough.

This would reduce the likelihood of a spent fuel fire due to accident or terrorist attack and the amount of radioactive material that could be released by such a fire.

Sincerely,

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