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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.

More 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 emerge over the next several decades. Please accept 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.

(SFI)---- I used to have an aunt and uncle who both worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. They both died from MULTIPLE different cancers! They were protected - - - ??????? If they are not careful enough for and with their own employees, what makes anyone think they even are serious about what happens to the rest of

us!!!!????? Their continual reassurances of safety are a real joke, as are their guidelines.

Nuclear energy is everywhere in and around our lives. I have seen some pretty lax and very risky abuse of safety rules, by people who

think they are too busy and too above reproach to be as careful as they should.

As a younger person, I used to have a neighbor who was a high school

science teacher. He had gotten hold of an x-ray machine. He had it at

his house and was irradiating his garden vegetables, and seeds. Do you

really think he was being careful enough about radiation in his house??

And what about his wife and three young sons, and their ponies out in the yard????!!!!!!

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NO !! IT'S NOT SAFE!! THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE ON THIS EARTH FOR IT, NOR CAN WE SHOOT IT OUT INTO SPACE. WE SIMPLY MUST STOP MAKING NUCLEAR WASTE . . . PERIOD! WE ARE POISONING THIS EARTH WITH IT!!! NUCLEAR WASTE IS FAR MORE TOXIC THAN THE MATERIALS THEY MAKE TO USE, THAT CAUSE THE WASTE TO FORM IN THEIR MAKING!!!! AND WE ARE JUST MAKING MORE AND MORE AND MORE, EVERY DAY!!! STOP THIS NOW!!!! HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY DONE ENOUGH TOWARD CONTRIBUTING TO THE POLLUTION THAT IS ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF GLOBAL WARMING????? YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HELP KILL THIS PLANET. I would like to be gone soon, so I don't have to see any more damage than I already see in

nature all around me. It is tearing my heart apart, and all you seem to be able to do is turn your back, while you put your brooms away, after sweeping it all under the rug..... There are some mighty huge lumps under that rug now. You are going to start tripping and falling over your own messes under there!!!!!!! I hope those falls are hard ones that hurt a lot, because there have been too many of the rest of us that have been seriously affected by your nuclear waste, and your supposed clean, mild nukes. GROW UP, AND GO ANOTHER, SAFER ROUTE!!!!!!

Sincerely,

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