From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Dirk Faegre
To:	Rulemaking Comments
Subject:	Docket # PRM 72-6 (Reduce Vulnerability of Stored Nuclear Waste)
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Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners

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.

I urge you to support rule changes that will strengthen the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against foreseeable threats, such as sophisticated terrorist attacks, which could 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.
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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