From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Denis Wichar
To:	Rulemaking Comments
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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 specifically urge you to support rule change to strengthen protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against foreseeable threats, such as sophisticated terrorist attacks. Please accept provision (11) of rulemaking petition submitted by C-10 Research and Education Foundation, which outlines this change.

Those upgrades could include 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.
Further, current practice of allowing rods to be stored in wet pools where they are densely packed together poses dangerous security risk. In absence of place to permanently store waste underground, NRC should require plants to promptly transfer spent fuel from pools to dry casks as soon as fuel has cooled enough. This would reduce likelihood of spent fuel fire due to accident or terrorist attack and amount of radioactive material that could be released by such a fire.

Sincerely,

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