From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Mark Walker
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.
Please 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 may 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 should include a combination of physical measures, such as putting spent fuel casks into enclosed buildings, using earthen embankments or other barriers, and specific measures such as insuring that intruders will be denied access to independent spent fuel storage installations.

Finally, 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.

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 would be reduced as a result. Thank you for your critical attention.

Sincerely,

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