From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Sally O. Norton
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 do not know very much about the details of what should be done, but I have confidence in the position taken by the Union of Concerned Scientists who do. This includes supporting a rule change that would strengthen the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against foreseeable threats. Please accept provision (11) of the rulemaking

petition submitted by the C-10 Research and Education Foundation, which outlines this change.
I understand that 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.
I believe, as does the Union, that 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.
Thank you for your attention .

Sincerely,

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