From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Susan Adeline Chandler
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 specifically strengthens the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against foreseeable threats, such as 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.
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 to dry

casks as soon as the pools cool the fuel, reduceing 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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