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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.
Specifically, I strongly urge you to support a rule change that would strengthen protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against

threats -- such as terrorist attacks - - 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 rule change.
The upgrades could include physical measures -- such as storing spent

fuel casks in enclosed buildings, or using earthen embankments or other

barriers -- as well as other measures such as maknig sure intruders are denied access to independent spent-fuel storage installations.

In addition, the current practice of allowing rods to be stored densely packed in wet pools 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 pools to dry casks as soon as the fuel has sufficiently cooled. This would reduce the

likelihood of a spent fuel fire as a result of an accident or terrorist attack and decrease the amount of radioactive material that could be released by such a fire.

Sincerely,

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