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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.
More specifically, I urge you to 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 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.
In addition, 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 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.

Please take SERIOUS NOTE of the importance of these extremely dangerous consequences. Thank You.

Sincerely,

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