From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Wendy Jaccard
To:	Rulemaking Comments
Subject:	Docket # PRM 72-6 (Reduce Vulnerability of Stored Nuclear Waste)
Date:	Sunday, May 17, 2009 11:15:04 AM

May 17, 2009

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 to strengthen the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks against threats such as terrorist attacks. 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 measures: 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 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. 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.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wendy Jaccard
1206 Jadwyn Rd
Maurertown, VA 22644-2402