From:	Site Administrator on behalf of Vance Corum
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.

Security of nuclear waste in the face of potential terrorist attacks is of utmost concern. I would urge a rule change to strengthen the protection of nuclear waste stored in dry casks. Specifically, I ask that you accept provision 11 of the rulemaking petition submitted by the C-10 Research and Education Foundation.

Upgrades could include a combination of 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.
Rods densed stored in wet pools represent another dangerous security risk. Absent permanent underground waste storage, the NRC should require prompt transfer to dry casks as soon as the fuel rods have cooled, lessening the risk of a spent fuel fire and the consequent release of radioactive material.
Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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