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I support Mark Leyse's petition (PRM-50-93) that I read about in the Beyond Nuclear Bulletin.

The Leyse petition raises serious concerns that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the nuclear industry have selectively excluded multiple-rod severe fuel rod damage test experiments to arrive at their calculated "conservative" safety margins. Leyse likens the NRC/industry action and result to "studying a burning match to predict what would occur in a forest fire." Not surprising. For decades, the nuclear power industry has prioritized raising the thermal energy and narrowing safety margins in its reactors to build more steam and more power by as much as 18% to 20% in a process called "power uprate." As such, the nuclear industry views the Leyse petition as a direct threat to these increased power levels at old reactors, higher projected power levels for new reactors and more profitable energy production margins.

Please take Mr. Leyse's petition seriously.

Hugo Kobayashi

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