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General Comment

As a Control Systems Engineer with many years of experience in the type of systems that control typical nuclear plants, their associated utilities, and waste material holdings. I am requesting the expeditious handling of the Partion for Rulemaking PRM-50-96. In actuality I'm afraid that even this action may be inadequate considering current circumstances.

These being:

The number of plants with vulnerable retaining ponds and the amount of rods they will be holding because of the closure of the Yucca Mountain site.

It is my understanding that most of these ponds do not even have redundant water level indications and alarms. Even if additional back up generators and pumps are supplied for cooling system emergency requirements, unless the microprocessor systems that control them, and their associated wiring are hardened against an E1 EMP they will be ineffective.

The only safe way to assure emergency water supply when power or control is gone is good old fashioned water tanks (head pressure) with manual valving.

Rulemaking Comments

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Van,

Attached for docketing is a comment from an anonymous individual on PRM-50-96 (76 FR 26223) that I received via the regulations.gov website on 6/27/11.

Thanks,
Carol