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**RE: Comment on Docket ID NRC-2010-0267 NRC "Draft Regulatory Basis for a Potential Rulemaking on Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Facilities"**

Regarding June 10, 2011, publication in the Federal Register concerning development of regulations for future facilities engaged in reprocessing..... This comment is in response to that notice and is being submitted for the record.

LWV SC opposes the development of regulations for commercial reprocessing plants at this time, as these facilities are unnecessary and unlikely to be built. The recommendations by the Blue Ribbon Commission are likely to confirm determinations by GAO and others that reprocessing is, at best, decades away. LWV SC would support a decision by the Commission to **NOT** proceed to rulemaking for regulations that are not needed and for which no urgency has been established. This process can be terminated when the staff concludes its work in September on the regulatory gaps which would need to be regarded when and if reprocessing takes place. That staff report can be considered as an on-line "draft," but should be shelved for now.

LWV SC disagrees with the SRS community, which is eager to accept commercial "interim" spent fuel for the purpose of reprocessing. The NRC and the industry have many challenges during this difficult year and years to come, and the distraction of commercial spent fuel reprocessing should not compete for limited staff and financial resources, or with the cleanup efforts at SRS.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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