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General Comment

The environmental analysis ordered by the recent Court of Appeals decision needs to be properly incorporated into the re-licensing of Indian Point and every nuclear power plant across the country. The NRC expects to issue a draft EIS for public comment sometime in 2013, but producing a legitimate Waste Confidence Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should take seven years. There are many technical issues NRC must resolve, including long-term waste integrity, vulnerability and deterioration; the potential for accidents; and lessons learned from Japan's devastating 2011 Fukushima Daiichi meltdown.

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