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General Comment

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I urge the NRC to consider the dangerous practice of stacking tons of spent fuel at nuclear sites in aging and overcrowded fuel pools with no option of permanent safer storage alternatives an extinction level event (ELE) waiting to happen.

Finland is building permanent storage underground designed to withstand THE NEXT ICE AGE.

It is absolutely negligent that the United States has NO long term (thousands of years) storage plan for nuclear waste.

The NRC and entire nuclear power industry should be focused on this issue prior to any go forwards in relicensing or new plants being built. And it should be done at their corporate expense, not at the ratepayer's or taxpayer's expense. Not funded by governmental corporate loopholes.

It is a shameful practice that goes beyond the Superfund toxic cleanup sites. Because those sites, even after poisoning, making ill, and even probably killing nearby residents can actually be

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mitigated and cleaned up.

A fuel pool disaster, as many of us have learned from the dire situation at Fukushima Daiichi in Japan, once critical HAS NO KNOWN TECHNOLOGY TO MITIGATE.

It is an unstoppable chain reaction.

It is beyond my scope of imagination that this risk has been so grievously ignored as our government fights the war on "terror" at astronomical expense while it is a fact that every US citizen within an undetermined radius of any domestic or foreign nuclear power site is at risk of a radiological terror that will never end.

I was steered to this discussion via <http://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/news/stop-polluters/power-plant-cases/indian-point/speak-out-on-nuclear-waste/>

I also agree with their suggestions to the NRC:

1. Don't rush. Producing a legitimate Waste Confidence Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should take some time and cannot be done by 2013.
2. The NRC must resolve many technical issues including long-term waste integrity, vulnerability and deterioration; the potential for accidents;