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General Comment

On behalf of LEAD Agency and it's Grand Riverkeeper, we are opposed to the renewal of existing permits or the issuing of new permits for nuclear power plants by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This energy source represents a small and very expensive amount of our total energy need in America. In addition, storage and shipping present very expensive, and in the case of shipping very hazardous problems for the public in many ways. Shipping of nuclear wastes actually exposes. Much more of our population to radiative particles than is already subjected to such material. Only one bad accident or terrorist attack could be catastrophic for our nation.

We believe that onsite storage is the best way to control spent wastes, fuel rods and other radioactive materials, when decommissioning a power plant. However, such storage should be made permanent. Solid concrete bunkers capable of containing the materials through their half lives and beyond would be most acceptable.

In the end, no matter what is decided, the NRC must keep in mind that it is the tax payers of the United States that are paying the cost. Cleanup of spills at old reactors. Accidents during shipments, accidents and at makeshift storage sites, nuclear reactions at yucca Mountain, and more are paid for by us, the taxpayer because Congress and made us responsible for the wastes at these plants.

This is why we say NO MORE!! Shut them down and build no more new ones. This is Russian Roulette of the most dangerous kind. We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal and hope that you will consider our requests. Thank you.

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