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General Comment

I have attended public meetings on the problems involved in storage of nuclear radioactive waste at the Hanford site in the state of Washington. The public comments at these meetings document public resolve that no additional radioactive waste be brought to Hanford until that site has been cleaned up.

All communities along the Columbia River are concerned about the ongoing leakage of radioactive waste from Hanford into groundwater in the Hanford area and thence into the Columbia River.

I urge that you take favorable action on the WILPF Disarm/End Wars Committee's request that the NRC stop generating any more radioactive waste and not move any radioactive waste from existing sites until a permanent storage solution has been found.

Please keep the public comments period open until a decision has been made about what to do with this kind of waste, by a committee that includes nuclear experts who are independent and not associated with the nuclear industry.

Surely the experience of Fukushima has sensitized all of us to the dangers inherent in our present methods of handling the waste products of atomic energy. The health consequences to the population of Tokyo, especially the children, are already becoming widely known (at least outside of Japan).

No more licenses and no more renewals of licenses before our communities are fully protected!

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