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RE: Docket ID NRC-2013-0004

Dear Ms. Bladey;

The Decommissioning Plant Coalition (DPC) is pleased to provide some brief comments in response to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission's request on potential rulemaking on the topic of retrievability, cladding integrity, and the safe handling of spent fuel at an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). We note that the Nuclear Energy Institute is providing detailed comments and we are in agreement with the overwhelming majority of them. A number of our members will also provide specific comments. We wish to emphasize several points.

First, this effort can be enhanced by defining specific periods for storage and removal. This effort's scenarios and questions are "open-ended," and as such do little to promote the long-held tenet of the Commission that it does not endorse indefinite on-site storage of spent fuel and Greater Than Class C Waste. The time period for which data is desired will also help clarify the benefits and methods of obtaining the data.

Second, the staff should recognize the responsibility of the federal government. It has, currently through DOE, the obligation to take and remove the spent fuel and Greater Than Class C Waste stored in existing canister systems at our members'

sites under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and the associated standard contract. We also believe it is the obligation of the federal government for any repackaging that needs to take place.

The DPC will remain involved in your effort as you go forward and we believe it offers the opportunity to improve the regulatory framework as outlined in comments you receive from the NEI and licensees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Callahan".

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(on behalf of the Decommissioning Plant Coalition)