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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am concerned about how we store our most hazardous waste, the radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors. There is no plan to keep us safe from this radioactive material.

Many of our nuclear reactors have over-crowded fuel pools on site. These present safety threats to the communities and industries that surround the plants.

The NRC should take immediate action to reduce the number of fuel assemblies in the water-filled pools. Before transferring the fuel rods to cask storage, the cask storage needs to be examined and reinforced to be able to safely store the fuel rods, particularly those that qualify as high burn up fuel. Hardened on-site storage of the casks must become the choice for storage.

I am also concerned about nuclear power in general. The EIS needs to evaluate the true costs of nuclear power after the subsidies are taken away. The long-term costs of decommissioning need to be considered as well. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be laid out in this EIS.

Also, the EIS must face the option of not making any nuclear waste at all in the future. Add the environmental footprint of nuclear, first from mining, to expensive plants, and long term waste disposal which has yet to be safe. Compare this to the properties of renewables and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

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