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Subject: Please protect our communities from radioactive waste!

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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am writing you because I am concerned about the consequences that arise from running nuclear reactors, most particularly about how we store our most hazardous waste, their radioactive fuel rods. We should not license or re-license any reactor until it has been proven that we can successfully isolate this waste.

I am also concerned that 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 should become the choice for storage.

Ultimately, the sustainability of nuclear power has to be questioned.

The EIS needs to evaluate the true costs of nuclear power after the subsidies are stripped away. The long-term costs of decommissioning need to be considered as well. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be transparent in this EIS.

The EIS should consider the option of not making any nuclear waste at all in the future by comparing the environmental footprint of nuclear, from mining to long-term waste disposal, to that of renewables and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

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