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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

Like millions of other Americans, I am concerned about how we store radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors--our most hazardous waste.

I strongly believe that 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, too, present safety threats to the neighboring communities and industries. I believe 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.

While we are working on the solutions to these problems I firmly believe that we should carefully examine the issue of the sustainability of nuclear power. The EIS needs to evaluate the ACTUAL COSTS of nuclear power AFTER the subsidies have been stripped away, as well as the long-term costs of DECOMMISSIONING.

The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be made transparent in this EIS.

Finally, the EIS should consider the option of NOT CREATING ANY nuclear waste in the future by comparing the environmental footprint of nuclear from mining to long term waste disposal to that of renewables and energy efficiency.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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