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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am concerned about how we store the radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors. 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, which threaten the communities and industries around them. 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 shown to safely store the fuel rods. Hardened on-site storage of the casks should become the choice for storage.

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 an essential cost of this form of energy. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be transparent in this EIS.

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

Sincerely,

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