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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am writing you because I am worried about how carelessly we store our most hazardous waste, 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 know WI has the next 2 possible sites on the national list. YIKES!

While the solution is being worked on for Hanford, I am also very concerned that many of our old nuclear reactors are leaking into local water supplies. These present safety threats to the communities and industries that surround the plants (or in WI, to Lake Michigan and thereby even international communities.) The NRC should take immediate action to require these plant owners to clean up their situation which they are not too interested in doing. Carefully checked and hardened on-site storage of the casks should become the choice for storage.

There is much to worry about the sustainability of nuclear power. The EIS needs to evaluate the true costs of nuclear power after the subsidies are stripped away. (Those old plants would never have been built without taxpayers holding the bag! The long-term costs of decommissioning need to be shared by the plant owners. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be transparent in this EIS.

Thank you for your concerns.

Finally, 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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