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Dear McFarlane,

I am saddened and dismayed that there is so much controversy surrounding nuclear plants, nuclear waste storage and leakage of contamination into the groundwater. The NRC must adopt very strict standards and regulations for existing and future nuclear plants. The damage and ensuing threat of a nuclear meltdown at Fukushima should be example enough that our nuclear plants must adhere to the strictest of standards.

Nuclear energy is the most expensive to produce and the total costs of this dirty energy source skyrocket as the plants age and more waste is generated. I don't want nuclear waste traveling through my city enroute to a storage facility. Already we have Energy Solutions Corp. storing waste which was never sanctioned and stored illegally without the State's permission. Now we have hotter waste than was allowed, yet the citizens have no recourse for its removal.

Please examine the dire situation in Japan, which is already contaminating the ocean and our food chain, as the prime example of what we don't want!

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.

I am also concerned about the sustainability of nuclear power. 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.

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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