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Dear McFarlane,

The USA should not license or re-license any nuclear reactors until it has been proven that this hazardous waste can successfully isolated.

Many USA 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.

The sustainability of nuclear power needs to be reviewed and addressed. 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 USA taxpayers should be transparent in this EIS.

Sincerely,

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