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General Comment

I am very happy the NRC is providing this draft EIS on the proposed schedule. The original legislation to create government storage of spent fuel was passed in 1982 and the US has not picked up the first ounce of spent fuel. In the absence of government regulation, the utility companies would have found a faster, cheaper and more efficient method to store, move & handle spent fuel - but at least the government is moving forward again at this glacial pace.

Since the NRC stated in 1977 that it "... would not continue to license reactors if it did not have reasonable confidence that the wastes can and will in due course be disposed of safely" (42 FR 34391). So the NRC vision of due course is greater than 36 years, probably over 80 years. Now a repository is predicted for 2048, so 71 years minimum.

And the utilities are required to collect money in every power bill to continue to fund this non progress.

Our lovely government is amazingly wasteful in spending the citizens money.