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## General Comment

My name is Vic Fregonese. I represent AREVA, and I am responsible for Safety and Quality in the US Region. I would like to thank the NRC for engaging in public outreach, and for the opportunity to provide comments on the Waste Confidence Rule.

This is a very important issue for our country to address

I have worked in the US Nuclear Power Industry for over 30 years. I have worked in both the Utility and supplier sectors of this business. During that time I have witnessed our industry continue to be a safe, secure, and environmentally sound source of electricity supply to our nation. Nuclear energy provides an emissions free, domestic source of base load electricity generation, and creates thousands of jobs for our citizens.

Nuclear Energy is a vital part of our energy portfolio in the US.

Throughout my career, the Nuclear Professionals I have worked with have displayed one core value that has never changed - which is a focus on safety. Our industry has a demonstrated track record of operating safely. In particular, I note the transportation and storage of spent nuclear fuel where we have decades of experience operating safely, both in the US, and around the world.

Safety has been, and is, our highest priority

I look forward to the completion of this rulemaking on the announced schedule, and resumption of licensing reactors and spent fuel storage installations. I also advocate the restart of the NRC and DOE review of the Yucca Mountain license application.

In closing, I fully support the NRCs analysis and conclusions related to Waste Confidence.