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## **General Comment**

I was disappointed that the commissioners were not available in person to comment at the public hearing. Since their 'confidence' has been sufficient for the past 30+ years concerning nuclear safety, it would have been insightful to have asked, if they had considered their actions in those 30+ years as sufficient and prudent in the safety and welfare of the people of the United States. I understand in these 30+ years, a number of these nuclear plants have accumulated in excess, spent fuel rods. While safety may have improved in these last 15 years concerning the engineering of the plants themselves, no engineer has offered a real world, long term, answer to the waste.

30+ years later, we are discussing the future of nuclear waste again and the mounting spent fuel rods. Your 'waste confidence' has been challenged by the courts and now, these years later, the NRC has an environmental impact study. I am not sure why this was not a precedent after the first or second or even third nuclear accident in these past 30+ years. Now, we have Fukushima, and we are told again to not worry. I really cannot understand how so much money can go into this industry without considering the unknown accidents and violations perpetrated within the Energy Sector itself. Your arrogance defies logic.

How can the consumer and taxpayer justify an industry that we simply can not trust?