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General Comment

I have studied dry cask high level nuclear waste storage containers, which are located at nuclear power plants all over the country, waiting a national repository which may never occur. These dry casks are passively cooled with ambient air passing through screened windows in the outer steel covers. Inside the outer shell, the neutron emissions are dangerous to living organisms. I claim that any insects, microbes, bacteria or virus that is attached to dust that passes through these screens are subject to radioactively induced mutations. This possibility has not been studied by the nuclear industry or regulators, a gross oversight.

My concern is based on the emergence of Lyme's Disease in Lyme, Connecticut, right after an unintended release of radioactive gas from the upwind nearby Millstone Nuclear Reactor. The Deer Tick has carried a spirochete bacteria for millions of years, but after the Millstone release, that spirochete was mutated, causing the emergence of Lyme's Disease. This information has also been ignored by the nuclear industry and regulatory agencies. I claim that these dry casks are incubators of future emerging diseases and plagues which have no guaranteed prevention or cure.