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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

We are writing because of our concern about the storage of radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors, our nation's most hazardous waste. No reactor should be licensed or re-licensed until it has been proven that we can successfully isolate this waste.

We are also concerned that many of our nuclear reactors have over-crowded fuel pools on site. These present serious safety threats to the communities and industries surrounding 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. The storage of choice should be hardened on-site storage of the casks.

The sustainability of nuclear power is another concern. The EIS needs to evaluate the true costs of nuclear power after the subsidies are stripped away and the long-term costs of decommissioning need to be considered as well. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be transparent in this EIS.

Finally, the EIS should consider the option of not making any nuclear waste at all in the future by comparing the environmental footprint of nuclear energy from mining to long term waste disposal to that of renewables and energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

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