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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am writing about how we store our most hazardous waste, the radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors. We should not license or re-license any reactor until it has been proven that we can successfully isolate this waste.

many of our nuclear reactors have over-crowded fuel pools on site, which are safety threats to the communities and industries that surround the plants. Please 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. Hardened on-site storage of the casks should become the choice for storage.

Please evaluate the true costs of nuclear power after the subsidies are stripped away. The long-term costs of decommissioning need to be considered as well. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be made transparent.

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

Sincerely,

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