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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

I am writing you because I am concerned 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. For the time being, hardened casks should be the only acceptable storage methods.

Because I spend lots of time in Utah, I am aware of the long-term downside of careless handling of uranium and nuclear waste. What seemed miraculous in my parents' generation has turned out to be a deadly nightmare for so many of our citizens.

I am also concerned about the sustainability of nuclear power. The EIS needs to 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 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 from mining to long term waste disposal to that of renewables and energy efficiency.

While the Commission has the charge to keep nuclear power as safe as possible, I believe that we citizens have the responsibility to check our ever-growing demand for energy at the flip of a switch. If we want to keep our planet habitable for future human generations, it's essential.

Sincerely,

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