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Dear McFarlane,

Nuclear waste cannot and never will be able to be stored and it is about time this dangerous material is left in the ground and everyone who cares about life on this planet starts to embrace sustainable and environmentally friendly alternatives and sources of energy.

Fukushima is leaking into the Pacific Ocean and that plant is destroying the marine and land environment and the owners of the plant and the Japanese government have no idea how to contain or stop this disaster.

Do not allow any more reactors to be built or brought on line - you are destroying the lives of every member of the community and in the end you will destroy this country and ultimately the planet.

All nuclear reactors should be closed down as it has been shown all over the world where they exist that the scientists and physicists have not ever been able to solve any of the storage or waste problems and their egos have simply allowed them to produce a toxic waste and they have arrogantly and ruthlessly refused to be made accountable for their actions.

Any politician or government who cares about their people, communities, environment and the planet must take a stand now and say 'no more nuclear plants and demand that those who created this appalling mess fix it immediately' and then you will leave a legacy of which you can be proud.

While we are working on the solution, I am also concerned that many of our nuclear reactors have over-crowded fuel pools on site. These present safety threats to the communities and industries that surround 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. Hardened on-site storage of the casks should become the choice for storage.

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.

Sincerely,

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