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Dear NRC,

I was not able to attend the meeting last night in Carlsbad, so I wish to submit the following written comments for the record.

When I heard that the NRC intends to leave the nuclear waste on site at San Onofre for, potentially, three hundred years, I was nothing short of appalled. The idea that we must leave such dangerous materials in an earthquake zone surrounded by some 10 million people is an abomination.

Is it really possible that the kind of scientific minds who created the plant in the first place are capable of painting us into such a corner? If so, it will surely go down as one of the greatest and most horrifying screw-ups in the history of mankind.

The NRC's Victor Dricks says there's just no other place to ship the waste to, so it must remain in place. If that's true, it is a pitiful excuse for both logic and leadership. Had no one thought of this problem previously? Is that possible? Again, if this is true, it suggests horrible things about the great minds of our society, perhaps our society as a whole. Are we really that stupid? If so, why not start designing one-way manned spacecraft from now on? Let's get our astronauts to Mars -- we don't have to think about how we're going to get them back until they get there.

And no, leaving the nuclear waste in crowded Southern California is NOT just as good as leaving it somewhere else, such as a desert in Nevada. An accident involving leaking nuclear waste in the desert, far from population centers, would be very unfortunate, but it would be surmountable. On the other hand, a Fukushima type of accident here could cost millions of lives, the destruction of food sources, the destruction of cultural and economic sources the likes of which the world has never seen. An accident at that particular location, near both San Diego and Los Angeles, would have economic impacts that would last generations. Such economic impacts would dwarf those of the Great Recession, as real estate values in Southern California would tumble

permanently. A major accident at San Onofre would end California as we know it. We cannot take such chances.

No, I refuse to accept Mr. Dricks' evaluation of the situation, that the nuclear waste must remain on site. And I hope other Californians will do the same thing. Let's pay whatever it takes and get those materials away from our population centers. If we don't, our children and grandchildren will never have security.

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