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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

Living between two nuclear energy plants is a constant reminder of the hazards of nuclear energy and the inevitable radioactive waste produced. This is no joke. I have very deep concerns about handling and "disposal" of hazardous waste, especially radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors. I fully believe we should not license or re-license any reactor until it has been proven that we can successfully isolate this waste.

While we are working on the solution, I am also concerned that many of our nuclear reactors have over-crowded fuel pools on site. Natural disasters including hurricanes, tornados, flooding and earthquakes are clearly more common and present safety threats to the communities and industries that surround the plants. Davis Besse was within millimeters of a failure event due to internal corrosion of the reactor lid. The American nuclear community has experienced traumatic events (such as three mile island).

I ask that the NRC take immediate action to reduce the number of fuel assemblies in on site 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 transparency, accountability and sustainability in the nuclear power industry. Please publish clearly the costs of nuclear power less any subsidy, tax abatements and special exemptions. The long-term costs of decommissioning need to be considered as well. The ongoing costs to US taxpayers should be transparent. As a member of a local zero waste effort the concept of zero waste is critically important to long term sustainability on this planet and for personal safety in my town.

Sincerely,

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