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Dear Secretary,

60 years into the commercial atomic age, there is no "solution" for long-term radioactive waste storage that is scientifically-defensible, environmentally-responsible and publicly-acceptable. The NRC's "waste confidence" principle was properly struck down by a federal court.

Nothing in the NRC's Draft NUREG-2157 changes these realities. How can you argue that indefinite--essentially permanent--storage of high-level radioactive waste in fuel pools and dry casks provides "confidence" that this waste will never cause a threat to public health and safety? By their very nature, neither casks nor fuel pools are designed for permanent storage.

Relying on the low probability of an accident to justify the NRC's position that reactor licensing and relicensing may resume is ludicrous. The public deserves strong protection and I strongly oppose licensing new reactors and relicensing those that currently operate.

I feel strongly that NRC must mandate the immediate movement of waste that has been sufficiently cooled out of the pools to dry storage containers, and those should be hardened on-site (HOSS) to improve safety and security.

Ending radioactive waste generation is the single most important step we can take to protect public safety, and I want the NRC to revise its Waste "Confidence" document to ensure the speediest possible end to that generation.

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