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Dear Secretary,

The NRC's "waste confidence" principle was properly struck down by a federal court because, some 60 years into the commercial atomic age, it is patently obvious that there is no foreseeable "solution" for long-term radioactive waste storage that would attain three necessary and basic goals: scientifically-defensible, environmentally-responsible and publicly-acceptable.

Not only is there no long-term solution for atomic waste in hand or on the horizon, the shorter-term programs now in place are inadequate from a public safety standpoint, and do not offer the requisite confidence to allow continued generation of radioactive waste.

Nothing in the NRC's Draft NUREG-2157 changes these realities.

It is apparent that rather than undertake a thoughtful re-examination of the NRC's radioactive waste policies and priorities--which admittedly might have taken considerable time and effort, the NRC chose to hurriedly slap together a document whose only purpose is to provide a thin veneer of a cover to overturn the agency's forced moratorium on reactor licensing and renewal procedures.

The NRC is surely the only regulatory body in the world that would argue that indefinite--essentially permanent--storage of high-level radioactive waste in fuel pools provides "confidence" that this waste will never cause a threat to public health and safety. By their very nature, fuel pools were never designed for permanent storage. There is NO method for permanent storage of this garbage, especially when you concentrate or collect it from the individual plants that created the mess.

It's time to stop supporting criminals. No person employed by this industry should receive any further wages or retirement pay, until a permanent method to eliminate the hazards completely is found. All of these people should be housed in a restricted area that contains the dry cask storage for each plant. The notion of a centralized location for long term storage is insane. A problem is never resolved by making it bigger. Dry cask storage at each location, paid for by utility companies and their customers that supported this industry is the appropriate method for dealing with the situation on a short term basis.

Rather than insist on a robust waste management system intentionally designed to handle conceivable accidents whether through equipment failure, natural disasters, operator error or any other cause that could release radioactive materials to the environment, the NRC's draft document ultimately relies on the low probability of an accident to justify its position that reactor licensing and relicensing may resume.

The Low probability fraud is yet another demonstration of incompetence or criminal action by a group of people who have miserably to provide protection for the public from the hazards of this nuclear industry and others, as the world already has learned from Fukushima to Chernobyl to Bhopal, Hanford, TVA, Browns Ferry, Three Mile Island and Love Canal.

ENDING radioactive waste generation IMMEDIATELY, is the single most important step we can take to minimize the risks surrounding its storage, and the NRC should revise its Waste "Confidence" document to ensure the speediest possible end to that generation. In the interim, 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)"AT THE EXPENSE OF EACH UTILITY COMPANY" to improve safety and security.

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