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General Comment

The NRC's defense of spent nuclear fuel stored in pools of water to be as safe as dry cask storage is fallacious. Spent fuel pools are vulnerable to leaks due to aging materials, to terrorist acts (dropping of explosives into pool), and to unexpected and unplanned for natural events that damage the pools. Nuclear fuel rods and assemblies must be removed from fuel pools as soon as they are ready to be and placed into dry cask storage. This applies to operating plants as well as plants being decommissioned.