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Esteemed Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners:

NRC staff have repeatedly described nuclear waste management as "a small piece of the puzzle." On the contrary, nuclear waste could be the undoing of our civilization.

It is quite obvious to those who are well-informed that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) MUST assess the environmental impacts of nuclear plant operation in general in order to fulfill the requirements of the Waste Confidence Decision, as well as to fulfill the requirements of common sense and our common humanity. It is at least implicitly required because if there is no waste confidence, it is immoral to continue making

nuclear waste, especially because much of that waste remains extremely dangerous for centuries and, in the cases of some radioisotopes, for millennia.

Also, the costs of waste disposal are so great as to make it impossible to operate nuclear power plants cost-effectively. Without state subsidies and taxpayer bail-outs, they never would have been built, especially since no insurance company will cover them. Taking a cold, hard look at the economic and environmental realities, it becomes quite clear that the "intractable" problem of storing ever-increasing quantities of spent nuclear fuel is best solved by refraining from producing any more of these toxins. Fukushima proves what will happen if we continue running nuclear reactors until they break. Loss of lives, land, income.

If there are more Fukushima-scale calamities, which is quite likely, perhaps our entire habitat will be lost. I recall learning in 6th grade biology class that survival of the species is the most basic of instincts. The human species' most basic instinct and common sense have been usurped by blind greed. The NEI's bias in favor of the nuclear industry which funds it is egregious. Public safety must come first! If you do not yet understand this, Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners, I beg you to come to your senses.

Sincerely alarmed,

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