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I am writing to express my disagreement with the NEI's recommendations and encourage the NRC to proceed with utmost caution, placing public safety above all other concerns. Specifically:

Waste Confidence:

If there is no “waste confidence” it is inappropriate to continue running nuclear power plants and creating nuclear waste. The handling of nuclear waste will over time be the most expensive piece of the puzzle – possibly excepting disasters like Fukushima and Chernobyl.

Probabilistic Risk Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements: Both of these tools must assume that events such as earthquakes and 100-year floods will happen at some time during the lifetime of a nuclear facility, because these events do happen sooner or later. (With climate change and fracking, they are happening more often.) If we continue to operate nuclear power plants, there will eventually be another disaster.

Waste storage is vulnerable to terrorist attacks. Consider the incident in Aberdeen where a hold was punched in a dry cask. Terrorists now have access to much more powerful weapons, such as nuclear weapons and powerful airplanes. How many such incidents does NEI consider acceptable? I suggest zero.

NEI lack of credibility:

NEI is clearly prejudiced in favor of the nuclear industry. Its biases should not be allowed to influence public policy. The NRC should investigate all sources of information and make a cautious decision that prioritizes public safety.

Sincerely,

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