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General Comment

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 Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel) Docket No. 2012-0246
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Draft Waste Confidence Generic)
 Environmental Impact Statement)

I am resubmitting the comments made by David Kraft, Director of NEIS which began as follows:

"Supplemental Comments on NRC's Waste Confidence Rule and DGEIS

"Submitted by David A. Kraft, Director

"NEIS is an environmental, safe-energy advocacy organization based in Chicago Illinois. We represent nearly 900 supporters in Illinois, 34 states and four countries. We thank the Commission for the opportunity to present our views pertaining to Docket No. 2012-0246. The comments below are in addition to oral and written comments made and provided at NRC's Public Meeting in Oak Brook, IL, on Tuesday Nov. 12, 2013; and in addition to the comments provided Dec. 20th, 2013, by attorney Diane Curran et al, to which NEIS is a co-signer."

I, Jan Boudart, am a proud member of NEIS, I spoke at the NRC's public meeting in Oak Brook, IL, and I second the declarations in the above-cited document.

Here is my opinion of "waste confidence":

It is clear that the creation of such language indicates a lack of confidence in how you, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will handle nuclear waste. All informed citizens know that it is dangerous. There is no safe level of nuclear radiation for humans, other animals, or the entire biosphere. The biosphere could not have developed until a highly radioactive planet became less radioactive with the decay of plutonium and the fissionable isotopes of uranium. Biota's original development could not have occurred until this danger was contained. But humans have restored the danger.

The nuclear waste from U.S. power plants is one thing. There is no place to put it. This is a world-wide problem of millennial proportions. Only hubris could give the NRC confidence that they know what to do with the waste.

But cleaning up the explosions of the past is another thing. Our physicists should be working on this problem; but, instead, they are proudly (proudly! proudly??) at work developing another generation of nuclear waste creators, namely more nuclear power plants. Our tax dollars go to pay them high salaries at Argonne National Labs while they pursue activities that can only further harm us.

So, not only is there no confidence that the NRC can handle the waste already created, but also we must stop creating nuclear waste, whether from deliberate explosions, as in the past, or from the continued use of nuclear-generated power today and in the future.

My emotional response to the nuclear problem as a mother, sister, aunt, cousin and grandmother is such that expressing myself on the issue is difficult. It beggars the imagination that anyone could seriously continue creating nuclear waste that will continue to cause harm on the earth for several hundred thousand years. Why would anyone do it?

Sincerely, Jan Boudart, Rogers Park, Chicago