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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to make a comment in opposition to the NRC's proposed spent fuel rule NRC-2014-0233. If Indian Point spent fuel should give off its radiation build up for any reason, we the people living in the area would experience drastic effects. It would not be limited to this area but the radiation would spread from Indian point in a straight line to New York City. Every industry or government office involved must do all in its power to prevent this from happening.

The proposed new rule change is contained in amendment 8, revision 1, that would require "boiling water reactor fuel affected by certain corrosion mechanisms with specific guidelines to be classified as undamaged fuel."

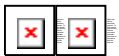
This exemption from existing regulations on damaged fuel, as described in your proposal would simply raise the future risk of deteriorating safe storage thus opening the potential for a serious disaster.

I object strongly to giving out blanket exemptions to regulations on the handling of spent fuel. Exempting plant owners from existing safe handling and storage requirements to save them money, and save the NRC work puts all within the circle of potential irradiation in unconscionable risk. The NRC needs to heed this kind of public input on the proposed rule change.

Without a geologic repository, we need the most robust onsite storage possible for spent fuel. Treating damaged rods as 'undamaged' most certainly does not provide safe storage or fulfill the requirements needed. The undertaking would be costly and would require strict oversight, but the alternative is immoral and, unthinkable.

Sincerely,

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