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To whom it may concern at the NRC and beyond:

I am writing to support the comments of the Sierra Club pertaining to this matter submitted this date of March 18th, 2016. I am involved with the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Just yesterday, I received an important e-mail from Donna Gilmore which makes the Sierra Club comments signed by Susan Corbett: **“Thin-walled (1/2” to 5/8”) stainless steel canisters used at most U.S. facilities cannot be inspected (even on the outside), repaired, maintained, or monitored prior to a radiation release, and are subject to cracking, with leaking occurring in as little as 16**

years after crack initiation.” look like a vast understatement!

When reactors burn HIGH BURN-UP FUEL (as they have at nuclear power facilities across the nation during the 21st century to my knowledge), the growth of cracks are accelerated within the spent fuel canister(s) and could penetrate the wall of such thin canisters (such as Holtec) in just 5 years or even less !!!

I would also like to attach myself to the comments by Donna Gilmore of San Onofre Safety mostly related to canister cracking as well as cladding damage. Also, the NRC should not allow spent fuel pools to be destroyed, since that would be the only possible nearby place to repackage a problem canister.

I am concerned not only about the pattern of cheap skate utilities choosing thin canisters – rather than the thick casks generally used in France and Germany, but am also concerned about the pattern of getting rid of long-time nuclear workers once a facility is not operating. On top of that, it is a poor pattern to observe cutbacks in security and in fire safety despite the threat from problems with spent fuel could potentially be more serious than a criticality accident at an operating reactor.

It appears that the NRC is purposefully trying to underfund the funds which are supposed to decommission nuclear reactors, as well as extend creaking old reactor’s licenses for decades in order to forestall decommissioning which they cannot afford at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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