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March 18, 2016

Mr. Steven G. Burns, Chairman
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RE: NRC Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)

Dear Chairman Burns:

As a former Director for the State of California's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative (ATTe) and a current Energy and Transportation Consultant serving numerous agencies in the Southern California region, I share serious concerns with the NRC's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on Regulatory Improvement for Decommissioning Power Reactors with the California Energy Commission (CEC) Chair Weisenmiller as well as the San Diego and Orange County Supervisors.

Due to the fact that the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) has neglected to do its job for 40+ years to secure a national repository for spent nuclear fuel, coupled with the irresponsible and questionable motivation behind the NRC's Off-site Emergency Planning (EP) exemptions granted Southern California Edison as related to the abrupt closure and decommissioning of San Onofre, I hereby voice my adamant opposition of the storage of nuclear waste remains onsite here in Southern California.

These unprecedented and extremely dangerous conditions threatening the safety of over 9 million Southern California residents are a direct result of the NRC being fully unprepared to provide an efficient decommissioning process in response to the closure of San Onofre.

Commonsense and a moral obligation to serve the taxpayers that provide the NRC Board and staff's livelihood and benefits should have dictated reason enough to deny the granting of SCE's Offsite EP exemptions and 'support the principles of good regulation' by the NRC.

If specific safety concerns related to San Diego and Orange Counties' Off-site EP were currently a priority directive of the NRC, it would not require changes to the NRC's regulations for decommissioning; the NRC would have found a way to accomplish this out of sheer necessity to protect human Life.

Because the NRC has been remise in doing so and collectively negligent with the DoE to act responsibly, I implore the NRC to at least have the common decency to direct its immediate attention to the following areas of concern as outlined in the ANPRM:

- Off-site Insurance
- Ensure verifiable and immediate Off-site EP agency and general public notification of a radiation release
- Reduced On-site Staffing
- Reduced Qualifications and Training of Staff
- Undefined Role of Off-site emergency planners
- Restore statewide emergency response assistance discontinued by the EP exemptions grant SCE
- Increased burden on local jurisdictions to respond/react to a disastrous radiation release
- Increased amount of EP Funding
- Increased duration of EP Funding for entire length of time the nuclear waste remains on-site

The 9+ million residents impacted by these areas of concern are also the 'Stakeholders' in this unfortunate scenario the NRC helped to cultivate and therefore it needs to keep in the forefront of its proposed rulemaking of regulatory improvements in decommission power reactors that there is a person behind each one of those numbers.

Submitted respectfully, sincerely and humbly for your consideration,



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