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General Comment

The Pilgrim Legislative Advisory Coalition believes that the NRC's proposed "improvements" are in fact concessions to reactor licensees and the Nuclear Energy Institute. Regulators exist to protect the public, but the NRC regularly weakens its own health and safety requirements by granting exemptions in order to shower economic benefits upon the industry.

We find the NRC's contention that waste fuel is as safe in an elevated pool as it is in dry casks to be ludicrous. The agency's continued procrastination in developing new requirements for the protection of spent fuel in dry casks looks like gross neglect.

Under NRC "regulation" Pilgrim's operator has failed to grow its decommissioning trust fund such that there will probably be a shortfall of billions of dollars after SAFSTOR, and if Vermont is a guide, NRC regulators could allow Entergy to spend some of that insufficient fund for other purposes making the problem even worse. And the agency's NEI-provided rose-colored glasses have enabled the production of vast amounts of waste fuel with no plan for its permanent storage.

Prior to Fukushima the Japanese had faith in their regulators, and the regulators had faith in the industry. The government inquiry found that overconfidence was the main cause of the disaster. Five years later much of the American public has no such faith, and yet the NRC is proposing to further weaken its own regulations.

The Pilgrim Legislative Advisory Coalition fully endorses and supports the comments in full which were submitted on March 1, 2016 by Mary Lampert of Pilgrim Watch to Docket ID NRC-2015-0070, PROPOSED

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENTS FOR DECOMMISSIONING POWER REACTORS.

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