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General Comment

My comment is regarding Conclusions and Recommendations in NRC's draft report (8-1). I am in agreement with NRC's conclusion that

"These analyses confirmed that failure of shielding is not an issue in fire accident scenarios for SNF packages. Packages are designed to meet regulatory requirements in any credible loss-of-shielding scenario, including fire accidents.

Packages are shown to be extremely robust in their response to severe, real-world accident scenarios.

Analyses of conservative, bounding representations of severe fire accident scenarios are predicted to have less than an A2 quantity release."

Though it's impossible to predict all potential accident situations with certainty, NRC has undertaken an extraordinarily robust and comprehensive effort to ensure public safety. In my opinion, the methods which are used to ship SNF represent an infinitesimal risk to the public, far outweighed by nuclear energy's overall value to society and protecting the earth's climate.

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