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General Comment

NRC has once again failed to address the core problem involving transportation of highly radioactive used fuel rods. In order to transport, the fuel rods will have to be transferred to a transport cask; however, the fragile, "thick canisters that are being used at most nuclear facilities may likely be leaking radiation at the time of transfer, making transfer itself a potentially lethal undertaking.

The potential for terrorism with regard to transportation of highly radioactive nuclear fuel is terrifying. With the rise in international terrorism and the targeting of nuclear power plants by ISIL, the oversized trucks and trains transporting nuclear fuel rods might as well have bull's eyes painted on them. These trucks and trains will be slow-moving, vulnerable, and lethal targets for terrorist groups who wish to do damage or to secure nuclear materials.

Highly radioactive spent fuel rods should not be moved more than once. There is no permanent repository for the waste now; Congress has yet to even designate a proper, safe location for disposition of radioactive materials. To move the lethal waste not once, but TWICE, in order to continue to produce nuclear power, is unconscionable.

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