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General Comment

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A major problem with de facto permanent surface storage is, the containers could eventually breach (as via age-related degradation, due to exposure to the elements), and disgorge their contents into the environment. This would represent a catastrophic release of large amounts of hazardous radioactivity into the environment, which could then blow downwind, and flow downstream, to harm people and other living things. In its Feb. 2002 Final Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Yucca Mountain, Nevada national repository for highly radioactive wastes, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) warned that irradiated nuclear fuel dry cask storage, if abandoned at reactor sites over long time periods, would eventually fail and cause catastrophic radioactivity releases into those local environments. However, the same could happen in s.e. NM at Holtec/ELEA, and in w. TX at WCS. No matter where such catastrophic radioactivity releases would occur, at reactor sites across the U.S., or along the TX/NM borderlands, they would be equally unacceptable, and must be prevented at all costs.