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General Comment

I am in agreement with the Citizens Oversight Inc. on this rule. I feel as if the NRC regulations could use an update, with a few specific revisions in place. There seems to be a mismatch between current regulations and the reality of surface-level storage of spent nuclear fuel. The 14 contentions that are being brought forward would ensure safety and long-term planning, moving forward. I think these contentions are important, such as the 1,000 year design and time-aging analysis to keep the hazardous material housed appropriately. Waste, and nuclear in particular, is always a concern due to its dangerous nature and long-term housing requirement. Due to this, I think the proposed revisions are necessary. The argument could be made about too much red tape because the licensees already have many obstacles to address. I believe in this instance with regards to spent nuclear fuel, we need as much oversight as possible. There are a multitude of potential problems that could arise whether it be a natural disaster, a leakage, or even an attack on the housed spent fuel. Planning for the future is a good idea, and the contentions brought forward would allow this, and provide for estimates of funding.