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General Comment

I am writing with deep concerns over the storage of nuclear waste at San Onofre ranging from the safety of the containers to the location. A significant issue is the need for appropriate MONITORING of any system that is used for this waste. This monitoring should be the most advanced technology available as this kind of disaster cannot be undone. As outlined in the Citizen's Oversight HELMS proposal - Monitored includes standard 7/24 electronic monitoring of critical parameters: temperature, radiation flux, airflow, etc.

Additionally, the Commission should address the dissemination of information available through a monitoring system as well as information that the public should have as a matter of safety. Please ensure that there are systems in place for first responders, local health facilities, the county public health system, and a well-funded public service campaign to educate the general public. There are examples that can be used to glean information on how best to deal with this waste and its unfortunate hazards. Given the number of facilities that will be decommissioned in the near future, it would behoove this Commission to address these matters now to both prevent a crisis at San Onofre and to prepare for the future. Thank you for your time.