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General Comment

I support the Helms proposal to find stronger, more durable double-walled casks for permanent storage of spent fuel. There are 3.6 million pounds of nuclear fuel waste at issue here. As I live in Carlsbad which is within the 50 mile radius of San Onofre, I am acutely aware of the the danger of nuclear disaster. Storing waste on a beach that is experiencing sea level rise is insane enough; storing it in a single-walled cask that is guaranteed by its manufacturer for only 40 years is criminal. A major earthquake fault lies below, and experts agree that this area is overdue for a large quake. San Onofre should have first priority in moving its nuclear waste according to the HELMS guidelines. Please do not accept this situation as an inevitable outcome of hopelessly bungled bureaucracy, and do not dismiss public comments as uninformed. YOU CAN CHANGE THE SITUATION by adopting the Helms Proposal, and find permanent and safer surface storage as quickly as possible.