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General Comment

Reading through the proposed action leaves me with one question: who does this change benefit? As far as I can tell, only TN Americas stands to benefit from the easing of nuclear fuel storage regulations and standards. While I understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has a duty and right to collaborate with the private sector on this type of activity, I ask another question: Why now?

Often, TN Americas will ship most of the nuclear material to its main facility in France. This means that the company will use trucks, trains, and ships to transport nuclear waste material from different locations in the United States across the Atlantic Ocean and across France. Its impossible not to notice the litany of locations that could be affected by a leak or spill. Wilderness areas, urban centers and ocean life could all be devastated by such an event, rendering entire areas uninhabitable and potentially dangerous. So I ask again, why the change now? And whom will this change benefit? Its easy to conclude that this action will save TN Americas money as the cost of storage will relax. But what about all the communities and wildlife along their routes?

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission should always be striving to enhance, improve and

expand the regulation of nuclear waste storage to minimize the potential harm to the people and wildlife of the United States, not the other way around. The people of this country are your primary client and its time the Commissions actions reflect such a relationship.