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USNRC RULEMAKING HEARINGS ON THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE

Neighbors for the Environment (NfE) wishes to become a full participant in the USNRC Rulemaking Hearings on Storage and Disposal of Nuclear Waste.

Since we are a small group not funded by a foundation nor having sources of money beyond our own resources, NfE requests full intervenor funding if provided.

IDENTITY. NfE is a small group of technically oriented persons who believe that the products of technology can equitably co-exist with both man and his environment.

QUALIFICATIONS. NfE members have studied nuclear hazards, including waste disposal, extensively ; have participated in waste disposal hearings before the governments of California and Washington ; have written technical papers on waste disposal ; and routinely participate in public discussions on nuclear waste disposal.

TENTATIVE POSITION. NfE believes that nuclear waste disposal has been demonstrated , that the technical problems have been over-emphasized, and that there is reasonable assurance both of safe on-site storage and off-site disposal of nuclear waste.

SPECIAL CONCERNS. NfE wishes to bring out that ultra-conservative requirements for waste disposal of nuclear products sets a legal precedent for disposal of other kinds of products such that, given fair and equitable treatment, many other technologies would be severely constrained and would be unable to be used.

NfE does not believe that discovery is needed, and expects that the Federal Government will pay for any costs that impact NfE.

At the proper time, NfE will develop these and other points.

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Very Truly Yours,

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