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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk (54 FR 39765)
Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Comments Concerning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Proposed Rule 10 CFR 51, "Consideration of
Environmental Impacts of Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel
After Cessation of Reactor Operations" (54 FR 39765), and
10 CFR 51, "Waste Confidence Decision Review" (54 FR 39767)

Dear Mr. Chilk:

This letter is being submitted in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) request for comments regarding the Proposed Rule 10 CFR 51, "Consideration of Environmental and Impacts of Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel After Cessation of Reactor Operation," and 10 CFR 51, "Waste Confidence Decision Review," published in the Federal Register (54 FR 39765 and 54 FR 39767, respectively, dated September 28, 1989).

The Philadelphia Electric Company (PECo) appreciated the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule, and the proposed changes to the Waste Confidence Decision. The proposed changes to 10 CFR 51, as described in 54 FR 39765 and 54 FR 39767, would permit temporary storage of spent fuel for at least 30 years beyond the licensed life for operation (which may include the term of a revised license) in the plant's spent fuel storage basin or at a onsite/offsite independent fuel storage facility. PECo agrees with the proposed changes to 10 CFR 51 and endorses the NRC's effort regarding this issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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