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I am not in favor of the plan to build dry cask storage facilities to store used nuclear fuel at the Palisades Plant in Covert, MI. Because the dry casks are designed for "temporary storage", it would be necessary to remove and transfer the waste to other facilities on-site if there were nowhere else available to accept the waste when the casks can no longer be used. Each move increases the chances of an accident that would put local residents and their properties in danger.

The VSC-24 cask has never been tested in its intended size over a period of several years in the harsh climate of a Midwest winter. These conditions may cause embrittlement and

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Corrosion of metals and concrete.

If something goes wrong in a cask, how will the utility correct or undo the problem? What will be the effect of exposure rates to radiation if corrective measures are or are not taken? What costs should be presently attached to account for these eventualities?

This storage system offers a long-term threat to the Great Lake ecosystem. It is imperative that the N.R.C. do an environmental impact survey, a cost/benefit analysis, and public hearings within the community of the proposed location of the dry cask storage facilities.

Sincerely,
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