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Secretary of the Commission  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555  
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my complete disapproval of the proposed plan to use a "dry cask" to store spent nuclear fuel at the Pallsades Nuclear Plant in Michigan. The construction of such casks near the shore of one of the Great Lakes would be a terrible mistake.

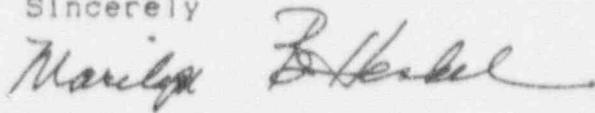
As a citizen of Michigan and a cottage owner of property just south of the Pallsades plant, I cannot believe that the plan to construct these casks has never had a public hearing. To proceed without such a hearing, without an environmental impact survey, and without a cost/benefit analysis, is totally unfair to those of us who will be most immediately affected in the case of any mishap. Even more appalling is the possibility that the whole Great Lakes system could be threatened, if not in my lifetime or my grandch'ldren's, quite possibly in their grandchildren's. Who can believe that we are capable of constructing steel and concrete casks so perfectly that they will withstand all the storms, winter and summer, for centuries to come?

I understand that, for the time being, there are no permanent solutions to the storage of spent fuel rods - and that is what worries me. These casks, which have never been tested in the intended size nor under Michigan climatic conditions, could easily be more than temporary; they could lead to a regional or permanent dump. Quite possibly they will take the edge off the urgency to find a safe and permanent solution for this terrible problem. The prospects are truly frightening.

Please stop the construction of these casks, at least until the citizens of Michigan have been allowed to voice their concerns about this plan. And please lend your authority to the search for a safe, ecologically sound, long range solution for the storage of spent fuel. Without such a solution, how can we, in good conscience, continue to

produce more and more of this waste which nobody knows what  
to do with and which is so horribly, lethally dangerous?  
Give us some leadership!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn B. Henkel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely".

Marilyn B. Henkel