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Secretary of the Commission
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

RE: Used nuclear Fuel Storage at Palisades Plant, Covert,
Michigan.

Dear Gentleperson:

I feel that failure to hold public hearings on the storage
of radioactive waste at this facility and the continued
generation of more is totally irresponsible.

When nuclear power plants were first built the industry knew
that there would be massive amounts of radioactive waste
generated but they felt that a solution to this situation
would be found before it became a problem. This is like getting
into an airplane without knowing how to land it. We have reached
the point where the plane can no longer fly and we haven't
even invented the parachute.

There is NO long term disposal method for the nuclear waste
we are now generating. The Dry Cask system proposed for
Palisades has not been tested under the climatic conditions

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of a West Michigan winter. Plans for monitoring and dealing with a possible failure of the cask have been minimized.

The cost effectiveness of nuclear power only seems to exist when the cost of the disposal of waste is ignored.

I feel that the only rational procedure is to close this plant unless a better long term disposal system is found. Burying it in Nevada or sticking it in a box is not a way of solving the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert T. Swicker".

Robert T. Swicker