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Mr. Ivan Selin, Chairman  
Secretary, Docketing and Service Branch  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington D.C. 20555

Dear Selin:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposal to store spent nuclear fuel in VSC-24 storage casks at Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant here in Wisconsin. I have grave concerns about safety aspects of this plan and must tell you that your proposal finds little support among the people of Wisconsin.

I believe it is unwise to store dangerous radioactive materials in a cask that has never been built or tested. It also concerns me that these casks are not transportable. In the absence of a permanent nuclear waste repository site, it would appear that you intend to use these unproven casks as a permanent nuclear waste storage solution.

To my knowledge, no environmental impact study has been completed on the casks. There is no information in the proposal about whether the interior environment of the casks would be monitored during their use. There have been no studies completed to measure long-term pressure buildup, long-term corrosion effects, neutron bombardment durability, or the impact of high burnup fuel on the casks.

Therefore, I don't believe the VSC-24 would be a suitable option for either long- or short-term storage at Point Beach. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

*Doug La Follette*  
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Secretary of State

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