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General Comment

The current proposed rule changes for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants place public and environmental safety below the interest of the industry. They abdicate the regulatory responsibility of the NRC to ensure that decommissioning is carried out safely and effectively. The proposed rules must be revised to prioritize protection of people and the environment. This should include opportunities for interested stakeholders, state authorities and workers to be engaged in the specific planning in their area. Robust emergency preparedness planning and financial guarantees are necessary to ensure the industry is able to carry out decommissioning carefully and safely.