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## General Comment

I have grave concerns that the Proposed Decommissioning Rule weakens the safety provisions in the decommissioning process for both citizens and the environment. NRC's decommissioning regulations put too much authority in the hands of the profit-driven nuclear industry. The NRC is charged with protecting public health and the environment. The current draft of the rules should be withdrawn and revised to strengthen local community and state engagement, and the NRC should take responsibility for ensuring that public safety and environmental protection are prioritized throughout the full decommissioning process.

Ensuring the safety of the public and the environment must be prioritized throughout the entire decommissioning process. The NRC must do more, not less, to exercise oversight and hold the industry accountable throughout the process. The current proposed rules weaken the authority of the NRC and make health and safety of people and environment subordinate to the lightening of regulations on the industry. This is unacceptable. The rules must be revised. The Commission should take this opportunity to change course and come into compliance with the court's decision in CAN v. NRC by effectively restoring the regulatory framework of the 1988 Decommissioning Rule.