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Allison McFarlane

Dear McFarlane,

The radioactive fuel rods from nuclear reactors that are being stored in over- crowded fuel pools pose a threat to the communities and industries that surround the them. As our most hazardous waste, it is before transferring the fuel rods to cask storage that the cask storage needs to be examined and reinforced to be able to safely store the fuel rods particularly those that qualify as high burn up fuel. The number of fuel assemblies in the water-filled pools should be evaluated along with costs of nuclear power, and the long-term costs of decommissioning plants needs to be considered by comparing the environmental footprint of nuclear from mining to long term waste disposal. The catastrophic problems that adversely effected Japan will one day be our own unless there's something that can be done to stop the inevitable ahead of time.

Sincerely,

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