

Public Comment Re: Docket ID No. NRC-2012-0246, WC DGEIS, NUREG-2157

Dec. 20, 2013

Dear NRC Nuclear Waste Confidence Directorate,

At the December 9, 2013 NRC Waste Confidence Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (WC DGEIS) call-in public comment meeting, I mentioned in my oral comments that day, in response to a previous commenter, that reprocessing of high-level radioactive waste – to extract still-fissile plutonium and uranium isotopes – is the single worst thing one can do with irradiated nuclear fuel that already exists, other than dumping it directly into the environment, that is.

Making irradiated nuclear fuel in the first place was the first major mistake; reprocessing it would compound the mistake.

The reasons for this include nuclear weapons proliferation risks, unleashing large-scale radioactive contamination that harms human health over wide regions, and an astronomically expensive price tag, which would be foisted onto the public's back, yet again. All that, and *we'd STILL need a dumpsite!*

Please accept the attached pamphlet, "NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING = WEAPONS PROLIFERATION: An inseparable link between nuclear power & nuclear weapons," as additional public comment in the Nuclear Waste Confidence DGEIS proceeding, as rebuttal against reprocessing being any sort of solution, given its very high costs and risks, given that it's dirty, dangerous, and expensive in its own right, as is nuclear power and radioactive waste in the first place (please also find attached the Beyond Nuclear pamphlet entitled "Dirty, Dangerous, and Expensive: The Verdict Is In On Nuclear Power" (created by Beyond Nuclear board member Kay Drey of St. Louis, MO).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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