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Paul,
I talked to Fred on Wednesday. Vick is on vacation and our password for submitting state comments is absent with him. Fred said just to send these to you and him and you would get them into the system. Thanks for taking care of this. Hope you all have an excellent holiday time.
Ron

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Comments on NRC Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on "Entombment Options for Power Reactors"

I recommend that the NRC adopt Option 1 and not conduct rulemaking on this topic. Currently, 10 CFR 50.82(a)(3) requires that decommissioning be completed within 60 years of permanent cessation of operations. Completion of decommissioning beyond 60 years may be approved by the NRC only when necessary to protect public health and safety.

The 60 year time frame and exemption provide adequate options for decommissioning of power reactors.

Initial licensing of power reactors provided for decommissioning and unrestricted release of the sites. Entombment as a final option would create numerous, permanent waste disposal sites around the country. This is contrary to low level waste (LLW) policy and as stated in the advance notice might, "raise issues concerning State and LLW compact legal authority over the entombment."

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