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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Federal Register Notice of November 9, 2001 on the availability of the draft supplement to the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-0586), Clean Water Action Alliance (CWAA) provides the following comments under the extended comment period ending January 30, 2002. CWAA is a citizen-based environmental organization with over 55,000 members throughout Minnesota. As a member of the Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) coalition and the Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ME3) Coalition, CWAA has worked for the transition away from coal and nuclear generation towards cleaner, non-polluting sources of energy for nearly ten years.

CWAA supports the comments of NIRS, Public Citizen and the Critical Mass Energy Project. We concur with these organizations that changes in the supplement designed to limit citizen's opportunities to review or challenge decommissioning projects are undemocratic and ill advised. It is imprudent to reduce public oversight of these projects, no matter how much more convenient it seems. Environmental and health risks from improper decommissioning are very high, particularly to neighboring communities. Labeling certain issues 'generic' and making them unchallengeable is a disservice to those communities and citizens around the country who may be exposed to radioactive waste during the transport and disposal process.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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