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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Lesar,

I am writing concerning the DEIS for the MOX application. I am concerned that the DEIS is being finalized before the MOX operations license is submitted for NRC review. The operation of the MOX facility must be subject to review during this same period in the NEPA process governing the EIS. Not reviewing critical aspects of containing the highly dangerous plutonium is irresponsible and blatantly wrong. Separating the construction and the operation of this planned facility in the review process makes no sense.

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Although it is laudable that there is discussion of the environmental justice impacts of the MOX facility in the DEIS, no deaths are acceptable for a plant designed to safeguard plutonium. The mitigation described ~~for~~ this disproportionate impact on low income and minority people is not adequate. There are not even any sirens in the area. Why not provide health care to the communities most impacted by this facility?

The DEIS does not address the reasonable alternative to MOX - plutonium immobilization. NEPA requires presentation and analysis of a choice of alternatives! This alternative, which would also provide jobs, is cheaper than MOX has a much smaller waste stream, and could provide effective management for existing waste stocks at SRS.

Sincerely,

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