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Re: Nureg1767

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Dear Mr. Lesar

In response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed plutonium fuel factory (MOX) at the Dept. of Energy's Savannah River site nuclear facility, I must respond strongly that the construction of the MOX facility, and more importantly, the operation of that facility, is environmentally unsound.

The DEIS must address the reasonable alternative to MOX-plutonium immobilization.

Immobilization would achieve the MOX program stated goal "to safeguard weapons-grade plutonium".

Continued storage of the weapons grade plutonium is an unacceptable

Security risk. The DEIS should produce verifiable projections of waste

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volumes as well as discuss the environmental risks and consequences of DOE failure to implement MOX waste management. In addition the possible environmental and public health impacts of an attack on this facility are unacceptable to the people of the Southeast.

These problems should promptly be addressed with the DOE.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

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