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> Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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> Washington, DC 20555-0001
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> Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.
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> RE: Docket No. PRM-51-10 - Support The Massachusetts Attorney General's
> Petition for Rulemaking- Spent Fuel
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> We support the Massachusetts Attorney General's Petition for Rulemaking.
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> Specifically we support the Attorney General's position that the Nuclear
> Regulatory Commission should:
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> (a) Consider new and significant information showing that NRC incorrectly
> characterized the environmental impacts of spent fuel storage as
> insignificant,
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> (b) Revoke the regulations which codify that incorrect conclusion and excuse
> the NRC's failure to consider spent fuel storage impacts in the licensing
> process,
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> (c) Issue a generic determination that the environmental impacts of
> high-density pool storage of spent fuel are significant, and
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> (d) Order that any NRC licensing decision that approves high-density pool
> storage of spent fuel at a nuclear power plant or any other facility must be
> accompanied by an EIS that addresses (i) the environmental impacts of
> high-density pool storage of spent fuel at that nuclear plant and (ii) a
> reasonable array of alternatives for avoiding or mitigating those impacts.
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> We know that this rule change is important to better protect the
> Commonwealth's public health and safety and that new and significant
> information, e.g., the events of 9/11 and the President's statement that
> nuclear power plants are on terrorist's lists, has evolved since the rule was
> written.
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> Very truly yours,
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