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Re: Background and Preliminary Assumption for an EIS – Long-Term Waste Confidence Update, Draft Report for Comment

Dear Ms. Pineda:

The Snake River Alliance was founded in 1979 and is Idaho's grassroots nuclear watchdog and clean energy advocate. I submit the following comments on behalf of our dues-paying members.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission should have announced the availability of this draft report for comment in the Federal Register. By making its availability known only through a press release and to intrepid ADAMS explorers, the NRC may have limited comments on the draft to entities most interested in efforts to "solve" the nuclear waste political problem: spent fuel producers. The NRC should launch this process anew.

The nuclear waste problem is a *political* problem, which is not an area subject to NRC regulation. Consolidated storage is the quintessential political solution to the nuclear waste problem. It increases risk and expense and, to solve a political problem, will almost certainly shift the *real* nuclear waste burden to those who have not profited from its production.

Safe spent fuel storage should remain the responsibility of the utility. It is not the responsibility of a particular reactor, operating or not.

Hardened On-Site Storage (HOSS) must be evaluated.

There are no reprocessing facilities operating in the United States. Absent exorbitant government intervention, there will not be a reprocessing facility in the United States. The NRC must not include reprocessing in any of its scenarios.

Respectfully submitted,

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Best,

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