

WCO outreachCEM Resource

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm just wanting to weigh in on the NRC's "Nuclear Waste Confidence Decision."

There is plenty of evidence that current on-site storage in indoor pools is not safe, secure, or protective of human health and the environment. Also, current on-site storage in outdoor dry casks is not safe, secure, or protective of human health or the environment.

NRC should require [Hardened On-Site Storage \(HOSS\)](#) to safeguard high-level radioactive waste against accidents, secure it against attacks, and prevent leakage over time into the environment. HOSS would require fortifications and the highest quality assurance and control. Hundreds of environmental groups across the U.S. have endorsed HOSS.

Most importantly, as Beyond Nuclear board member Judith Johnsrud has long argued, the radioactive waste problem is "trans-solutional," a problem beyond our ability to solve. Nuclear power must be abolished. We must stop making radioactive waste in the first place. As shown by the ["Mountain of Radioactive Waste 70 Years High,"](#) prevention is the only real solution for radioactive waste.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

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