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It is essential for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to complete the waste confidence rulemaking and move forward with issuing renewed operating licenses for existing nuclear plants ... and licenses to build and operate new plants. The proposed rulemaking will enhance efficiency in individual licensing reviews by utilizing the Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act with regards to continued storage of spent nuclear fuel, which are the same or largely similar at each nuclear site. Additionally there is strong international scientific consensus that geologic disposal is the best solution to permanently isolate spent nuclear fuel from the public and the environment. Studies by the National Academy of Sciences and the International Atomic Energy Agency have confirmed this conclusion. I have no doubt that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will continue its strong, independent oversight of commercial nuclear energy facilities—the operation of existing plants, licensing new reactors, renewing the operating licenses of existing reactors, and the management, transportation and disposal of used nuclear fuel. I believe it is important for the NRC to continue its transparent and efficient efforts to issue the current waste confidence proceedings so that progress on both plant licensing and used fuel management can continue.

Thank you.  
Eric Blankenmyer

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