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General Comment

"In the proposed rule, the Commission proposes to conclude that the generic environmental impact statement generically addresses the environmental impacts of continued storage of spent nuclear fuel beyond the licensed life for operation of a reactor and supports the determinations that it is feasible to safely store spent nuclear fuel beyond the licensed life for operation of a reactor and to have a mined geologic repository within 60 years following the licensed life for operation of a reactor"

The storage of waste generated by the nuclear power industry is one of a series of insurmountable problems for humanity that make the technology unsuitable from its inception. The proposed "determinations" of the impact statement are based on risk: that the storage pools employed by the industry are safe to operate for 60 years past the original lifetime design of the plant. The authors evidently consulted a crystal ball to support their assertion. The recent disaster at Fukushima Dai-ichi proves that nuclear materials are inherently unsafe to store, that there exists no place to securely store them for the time necessary to render them stable.