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General Comment

Storing spent fuel rods on location at nuclear power plants is unsafe from acts of nature and acts of mankind. Dry cask storage is not 100% safe either. The magnitude of the risk is so great that even a slight chance of something going wrong should not be taken. Whenever there is a profit to be made, experience shows that operators will place profits over safety. The Navy developed nuclear - powered ships for defense. The Navy could spend money on safety. Private companies have a duty to shareholders to make profits. Nuclear energy cannot be safe and cheap. To have no repository means moving these materials. Every terrorist is now well - aware of the potential vulnerability of stored spent fuel rods. Multiple acts of nature can combine in a number of unforeseeable ways to create fuel fires and uncontrolled releases into the atmosphere of lakes, streams, rivers, aquifers, etc.

I deal in risk management principles and public health as a trial lawyer. Without full legal liability of operators, they are encouraged to cut corners on safety. The nuclear industry is now facing the largest potential legal liability from Fukushima contamination entering people's lungs in Seattle and Oregon. There is only a metal she'd covering on spent fuel pools. IED could easily penetrate. Tornadoes, ice storms, flooding, solar flares, meteorites, or even a suicide aircraft could penetrate.

Nuclear energy is unsafe because an absolute degree of care is required. No regulator can force middle management types to follow rules. In the Navy you have courts martial. Who has ever been sued or gone to jail in the nuclear industry. I have NO confidence in your system of regulation for the above reasons. Trial lawyers are looking for the first big win as we did with tobacco and asbestos. The laws must be changed. No industry has ever been effectively regulated without unlimited legal liability. The damages can be minimized by shutting down all reactors until such time as there is a safe way to dispose of nuclear waste.