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See attached letter on the Storage Rule and Waste Confidence.

Thanks,

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Subject: Comments on Proposed Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage Rule and Draft Waste Confidence Generic Environmental Impact Statement (78 FR 56621, 56776, September 13, 2013; Docket ID NRC-2012-0246)

Dear NRC Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff:

On behalf of the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN), I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the NRC's Proposed Spent Fuel Storage Rule and Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement. NAYGN is the premier organization for young professionals that have interest in nuclear science and technology, and proudly represents over 10,000 members across 110 chapters.

NAYGN strongly believes that nuclear energy is an integral part of a national energy plan and must continue to generate an essential share of the nation's clean, non-emitting, zero-carbon baseload electricity. Nuclear energy plays a vital role in meeting our nation's electricity needs, protecting the environment, and preserving the fuel and technology diversity that is the U.S. electricity supply system's strength. In addition to generating clean-air electricity, nuclear plants strengthen state and local economies through jobs, taxes, and spending.

As a member of the River Bend NAYGN chapter, I know first hand the impact nuclear power has in the state of Louisiana. The two nuclear reactors in Louisiana provide approximately 15.8% of the state's electricity, provide more than 1,350 high paying jobs and contribute \$470 million to the local economy.

NAYGN commends the NRC for assigning a high priority to completing this rulemaking on a planned 24-month schedule, staffing the matter with knowledgeable and experienced personnel, and permitting broad public participation. NRC's commitment to providing extensive opportunities for public participation in its decision-making process has been a model of openness and transparency.

NAYGN supports the NRC's efforts on this rulemaking. The NRC appropriately addresses the spent fuel storage issues in a Generic Environmental Impact Statement and rulemaking. The draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement makes conservative assumptions and reasonably shows that if necessary, used nuclear fuel can continue to be stored in a safe, environmentally sound manner for a long period.

NAYGN encourages the NRC to continue its excellent work and maintain the schedule for completing this rulemaking. The Commission has suspended licensing decisions until it completes this rulemaking. Therefore, it remains critically important for the NRC to complete this rulemaking on a planned 24-month schedule.

Thank you in advance for consideration of these comments. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Adam Thornton at (225) 381-4816, athornt@entergy.com.

Sincerely,

Adam Thornton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Thornton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.