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General Comment

I don't know if you get the emails, so ... highlights from comments offered by Nikohl Vandel, authored and edited by Elaine Vandenberg Clermont, thank you for your measured consideration

Good morning,

I've shared several thoughts, mostly questions, because the truth is, as I am sure you are well aware of, my voice means very little in the construct of a rule on nuclear waste management. I know so little in comparison to those who work on these matters every day.

I'm just an average Stakeholder. As mom, private citizen, an enthusiast in all things nuclear and its connection to our exploration in space, I merely have an interest in healthy life on earth to make all the but I really do not know anything that you do not already know and I am sure you have your own well-informed perception on the issue of nuclear waste management and, as is the subject of this dialogue, confidence in the ability to manage the growth, expansion and reclamation of nuclear products.

Thank you for your considered effort to bring the issue of Nuclear Waste Confidence to the forefront of the common citizen in our nation. I believe the NRC could have utilized its connections with National Public Television and the news networks to bring even more attention of this issue to the every-day citizen not aware of nuclear power and weapons and the great risk of nuclear waste in our local communities. Yet, I do feel at some point, we do what we can do with where we are as a nation, exactly where we are, here we are.

Fukushima: Lessons Learned, is I hope the wake-up call for the NRC to realize that the industry is not self-empowered enough to manage emergency situations. Perhaps the fear factor of being the corporation at the helm of a nuclear plant melting down was too much for the corporate executives to come out and say, "OH MY, We ARE absolutely FUCKED!" immediately. The instinctive need of corporations to protect secrecy and maintain autonomy has no place in the world of nuclear meltdowns. I think this is the fundamental level that the NRC must incorporate in its Rules of authority with the nuclear industry.

The continuation of the nuclear program must require industry to rise to a level it has never been called to do before, and it is up to the NRC to raise the calling of the industry players to more fully be responsible for their participation in that industry. If the NRC cannot do that, then likely Fukushima will be our last opportunity to learn a lesson about nuclear power here on earth. Maintaining or diminishing current regulatory levels that created the present on-going nuclear waste confidence issue will produce more of the same.

With an eye toward the four specific questions the NRC requested of the public, I completely understand the need for it, the Generic Rule, but the question I have is:

Has the NRC really gotten to the root issues for implementing a Generic Rule that does not undermine the Common Defense?

I would have to say, based on the fact that I could not find in all of those words in the Federal Register anything that gave me confidence that THIS industry here in the United States of America would not do the same thing their peer did in Japan. In which case, this NRC Generic Rule MUST be way more detailed in the specifics than it currently is.

The industry could and should do better at being a responsible part of the nuclear waste water reclamation for the benefit of New Industry. Clearly, as we witness the ONGOING disaster of #Fukushima, we are reminded that if such a disaster would strike here in America, the same response MUST be expected by the current #GlobalNuclearIndustry.

Without an adequate #NuclearFirstResponseTeam , the thought of what a disaster at #DiabloCanyonNuclearFacility under the "control" of PG&E is simply, beyond depressing. It brings so much fear of death and destruction to that region, of course its depressing and scary and why do we do this to ourselves?!

Stop all the nuclear power plants, which is what it seems like we are doing; Stop the mining, looks like that is also being restored (at least in our nation), Just STOP! We have plenty of Spent Nuclear Waste to expand the industry for years bringing together a safe industry the achieves our highest potential, saving humankind in the process.

We do not know how to contain nuclear waste. We do not know how to store it so it does not harm our natural environment because every environment we put it into it irreparably alters and changes that environment.

Let's be responsible with that knowledge first and foremost, before we listen to all the great projects coming down the pike.

Thank you for being super smart, responsible people of the highest ethical calling and let's do this right.

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