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General Comment

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To the NRC:

My family lives in San Clemente, California, approximately 6 miles from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. I am writing to thank you for shutting down the nuclear plant, and to implore you to move the tons of radioactive waste accumulating on site to a safer location far from population centers.

In the 40 years since SONGS has been operating, the number of people living within 50 miles of the plant has grown exponentially representing one of the most populous areas in the state. This includes 65,000 residents now living in San Clemente within 10 miles of San Onofre. Since 9-11 Americans are acutely aware of the ongoing threat of a terrorist attack on a facility like this, and all southern Californian's know that a major earthquake in our region is long overdue. The disaster at Fukushima is yet another reminder of our vulnerability to earthquakes, tsunamis, and circumstances beyond human control.

When I learned this past year that nuclear waste at San Onofre is being cooled in pools and then stored in casks indefinitely on site I couldn't believe it. Given the dangerous nature of the fuel and the above mentioned risks, how can this be tolerated?

The NRC and the federal government must take immediate steps to address this hazardous situation and move all radioactive material to a remote location as soon as it is safe to do so. This has to become the top priority and primary mission of the NRC.

The problem of safely storing nuclear waste for hundreds if not thousands of years may never be solved. Yet until that day comes, no more nuclear plants should be built in this country. The economic, social, and environmental costs are far too high, especially now that safer technologies for generating power are available.