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Wendy Reed,

I realize that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is holding a public meeting to discuss proposed rulemaking on spent fuel reprocessing. You will focus on spent fuel from light water reactors. I can't call into the meeting to give my input. I request that you add the contents of my email to the public input.

First I believe it is reckless to proceed with rules towards commercially reprocessing spent/irradiated nuclear fuel. It is unacceptable for you to continue to introduce and proliferate more toxic elements into our environment. We don't need more, we need less.

Spent fuel reprocessing negatively affects the environment and people's health. It's clear that reprocessing makes the waste problem worse. This seems obvious to me, but I must tell you that it disperses radioactive material into the air, water and environment, which is at a high-level of toxicity and lasts for hundreds to millions of years. For example New York (Western) has more radioactive iodine-129, which is dangerous to life for millions of years.

I would like to draw your attention to the West Valley NY reprocessing site. You must consider this mistake before you repeat it. It still threatens the Great Lakes, Canada and places downstream and downwind. Communities are left with the effects of this and how to deal with it. And to add insult to injury, the government will fully clean up the site.

In addition reprocessing spent fuel threatens nuclear proliferation and threatens the creation of even more waste.

Please take this into consideration when you discuss this issue and during rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Debra Higbee-Sudyka