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The NRC's "confidence" that on-site storage for 120 years (60 during reactors operations, 60 after reactor shutdown) is safe and secure would be laughable, if it weren't so seriously wrong. 120 years is half as long as the United States has been an independent country (1776 to 2012, 236 years). A lot can go wrong in 120 years. NRC's consideration of 200 to 300 years of on-site storage is even more preposterous. This is not "interim" or "temporary" on-site storage. This is de facto permanent on-site storage, in any common understanding of the term. I strongly urge that the NRC reconsider their decision and realize that 120 years of on-site storage is ludicrous. Nuclear wastes must be stored in a very secure place for thousands of years, even hundreds of thousands of years in some cases, and 120 or even 300 years will not cut it.

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