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Current on-site storage in indoor pools is not safe, secure, or protective of human health and the environment, as evidenced at Fukishima Daiichi.

Current on-site storage in outdoor dry casks is not safe, secure, or protective of human health or the environment, as shown by a 1998 test performed at the US Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

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. This is de facto permanent on-site storage, in any common understanding of the term.

NRC should require Hardened On-Site Storage (HOSS) to safeguard high-level radioactive waste against accidents, secure it against attacks, and prevent leakage over time into the environment. HOSS would require fortifications and the highest quality assurance and control.

As Beyond Nuclear board member Judith Johnsrud has long argued, the radioactive waste problem is "trans-solutional," a problem beyond our ability to solve. Nuclear power must be abolished. We must stop making radioactive waste in the first place. As shown by the "Mountain of Radioactive Waste 70 Years High", prevention is the only real solution for radioactive waste.

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