

WCO outreachCEM Resource

From: Laurence Kirby [vanini@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 10:40 AM
To: WCO outreach Resource
Subject: Comment on Long-Term Waste Confidence Update

To the NRC:

This is a comment on the "Long-Term Waste Confidence Update" draft report.

It is absurd on the face of it to express confidence in the safety of current nuclear waste arrangements for the long period of 120 years, with all the historical uncertainties and technological developments of more than a century, even if one were to suppose that the indoor pools and outdoor casks were safe now.

But it is clear that the nuclear waste is unsafe now. The Fukushima disaster has shown that pools can drain or boil resulting in the release of large amounts of radioactivity. Numerous tests -- and several accidents and near-misses -- have demonstrated that casks are vulnerable to breakage through accident or attack.

Further, the health and mortality effects of radioactive leakage are so severe that human error or materials failure -- which can never be ruled out -- could have catastrophic results, and it's irresponsible or disingenuous to express "confidence" in any disposition of this dangerous waste, let alone the current cobbled-together system.

The only responsible course is to require on-site hardened storage and immediately institute a policy that stops the production of further nuclear waste.

Thank you,

Laurence Kirby
36 Purdy Hollow Rd
Woodstock NY 12498
USA

Federal Register Notice: 99FR99992
Comment Number: 137

Mail Envelope Properties (451BB50F375B42AAA3AD851D974B2E7C)

Subject: Comment on Long-Term Waste Confidence Update
Sent Date: 2/25/2012 10:39:58 AM
Received Date: 2/25/2012 10:39:09 AM
From: Laurence Kirby

Created By: vanini@earthlink.net

Recipients:
"WCO outreach Resource" <WCO outreach.Resource@nrc.gov>
Tracking Status: None

Post Office: lauriea540063e

Files	Size	Date & Time
MESSAGE	1314	2/25/2012 10:39:09 AM

Options
Priority: Standard
Return Notification: No
Reply Requested: No
Sensitivity: Normal
Expiration Date:
Recipients Received: