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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
Chairman
Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Landrieu and Ranking Member Murkowski:

I am writing to respectfully urge the Senate Energy Committee to take action on the Nuclear Waste Administration Act of 2013, S. 1240, with a committee vote. This legislation will provide the U.S. nuclear industry a viable solution to the decades-long challenge of permanent nuclear waste disposal.

As you may know, Units 2 and 3 at the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS), located near San Clemente, California, were capable of generating 2,200 megawatts of electricity, enough power to serve 1.4 million average homes. SONGS, which is jointly owned by Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric, and the City of Riverside, California, was permanently shut down in June 2013. SONGS Unit 2 began commercial operation in 1983 and Unit 3 in 1984. Unit 1 went into service January 1, 1968 and was retired in 1992. Currently, there are 50 dry shielded canisters holding a total of 1,187 fuel assemblies licensed for storage and transport. There are an additional 2,668 fuel assemblies in the spent fuel pools which will be off-loaded to approximately 100 dry shielded canisters in the next five to seven years. Once fully off-loaded from the spent fuel pools, there will be a total of 3,855 fuel assemblies in a projected 150 dry shielded canisters. In addition to SONGS, California is home to two other retired nuclear plants with the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station, Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Station, and an operating nuclear plant, the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. California needs a nuclear waste disposal solution.

The SONGS Community Engagement Panel (CEP), which was created by SCE to be a conduit of information to the local community around SONGS, is comprised of 18 members including eight representatives of local governments; state and federal agencies; as well as labor, economic and environmental stakeholders. The CEP has already held three public meetings including a workshop on spent fuel issues for SONGS where the NRC presented information on their regulation of spent fuel, storage and transportation. The CEP has also been given the opportunity to review and provide input on regulatory filings for decommissioning activities prior to their submittal to the NRC and will continue to do so as SONGS moves forward in the decommissioning and dismantlement process.

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At each of these public meetings, and in feedback provided directly to SCE via www.songscommunity.com, the public website for SONGS decommissioning, CEP members and the public have expressed a strong desire for a permanent solution for off-site spent fuel storage. The CEP and the communities around SONGS recognize that there is no permanent repository option currently available to receive SONGS waste. That is why advancing the Nuclear Waste Administration Act is a critical step forward in removing spent nuclear fuel from plants like SONGS that are no longer operating. The introduction of this legislation has already yielded positive results with reports of communities in various states and stakeholders expressing interest in hosting both interim storage and a permanent repository. The Senate Energy Committee can encourage further interest by taking a vote on this important legislation.

I am pleased to lend my support to your efforts on this important issue and look forward to work with you as you continue your strong leadership on spent nuclear fuel issues.

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