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Focusing on location will no more solve our nuclear waste storage problem than rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic would have stopped it from sinking.

The problem is the uninspectable, unmaintainable thin-wall canisters only 5/8″ thick.

Mike Levin should be proposing legislation to require the NRC enforce existing regulations and current Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) requirement for monitored retrievable fuel storage. These thin-wall canisters do not even meet minimum ASME N3 Nuclear Pressure Vessel requirements for storage and transport. The NRC gives numerous exemptions to these and other safety requirements.

The Swiss already meet these US requirements. We don’t need more “studies” or a new government agency as this Levin report proposes.

The Swiss use thick-wall transportable storage casks up to 19.75″ thick that can be maintained and monitored to PREVENT major radioactive releases and explosions. They have an on-site hot cell facility (Dry Transfer System) for inspection, maintenance and repackaging of fuel assemblies, as needed. Thick-wall casks don’t have the short-term cracking problems that the thin-wall canisters have.

Learn more about the Switzerland solution here: https://sanonofresafety.org/swiss/

Some San Onofre canisters are already 17 years old. We’re on borrowed time with these degrading canisters.

Edison and the NRC refuse to share radiation levels from the rooftop outlet air vents where the aging NUHOMS canisters are stored. What are they hiding?

Proposed legislation such as Senator Feinstein’s S.1234 promise to legalize moving the nuclear waste somewhere else. However, S.1234 and other similar legislation allows title transfer to the federal government AT EXISTING SITES, and with no or inadequate funding. We’ll be at the mercy of Congress to provide annual funding.

Also, the legislation removes essential minimum safety requirements from the NWPA. The legislation also removes public and state rights, such as transparency and oversight.

Levin is aware of these issues. Hopefully, he will address these in proposed legislation. If he doesn’t, who will?

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