Dear Sir/Madam

I would strongly object to the terminology "non material" change being applied to the planned alterations to the Spent Fuel Waste Store.

An increase in length of 79 m, height of 5m and width of 8m is hardly inconsequential, even in the context of the other buildings on site. Without these proposed changes this store would be the third largest on the site in terms of height. With the proposed increase it would now appear to be the second tallest.

Although there would appear to have been a landscape assessment in the context of the Hinkley site and the buildings permitted therein by the DCO, there does not appear to have been an impact assessment on the wider landscape. This is particularly important in view of the fact that this nuclear waste store will be in situ on the West Somerset coastline until a Deep Level Repository for the country's nuclear waste has been constructed - possibly not for 60-80 years or more. At this point all the Hinkley power stations- A, B and even the new C station, with its 60 year life span, will be decommissioned or nearing the end of decommissioning, leaving this stark, concrete block -like structure as a lone sentinel on what is a rugged, beautiful coastline. It will, as a result, have a significant impact not only on the South West coastal path, but also The Quantock Hills AONB, Exmoor National Park and the coastal area extending to Minehead in the West and Brean Down to the East.

There is also the issue of the cumulative impacts of the number of "Non-Material" Changes that have already been submitted by EDF Energy and approved, and also the many others which are in the pipeline. Looked at as a whole, these constant changes to the approval given by the DCO render this permission an irrelevance should theseconstant applications continue to be approved without looking at the bigger picture as to how the DCO is being changed totally by this constant attrition and erosion of the hard fought original permission.

In view of the above listed concerns, I would object most strongly to the assertion that these changes, particularly those to the Fuel Waste store, are merely "non material" but constitute Material changes to the DCO.

Yours Faithfully

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