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Friends - we have news of the opportunity for public comment on new rules governing the disposal of nuclear waste - for thirty years this agency has been asking you and the AEC before you to treat radioactive waste as the deadly poison to life that all branches of science agree that it is - we urge you to use the power of your office to isolate all nuclear waste from the public and from the environment until the radiation diminishes to background level - we understand that such a standard may require containment for 100,000 years (sic) or more - such is the price of opening Pandora's nuclear box - it is unconscionable for you to suggest spreading that toxic material on agricultural land, using it for consumer goods (or pipe through which our water passes) or putting it in the normal cycle of trash and garbage - as a first step the right thing to do is to shut down the nuclear reactors which are producing more waste every day - secondly this country needs a storage facility for the waste which will be safe for at least 100,000 years from earthquake, leakage, terrorists and theft - anything short of that is a fatal compromise for which our children and grandchildren will pay - have courage - do the right thing - peace - Albert G. Cohen

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