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Commissioner  
Timothy F. Hagan

Mr. Samuel Chilk  
Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555  
ATTN: Docketing and Service

RE: 10 CFR 2.802 Petition for Rulemaking from Northeast Ohio  
Regional Sewer District (August 2, 1993)

Dear Secretary Chilk:


I am writing to you about the Petition for Rulemaking recently filed by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSO) dated August 2, 1993. As President of the Board of County Commissioners for Cuyahoga County (Cleveland and surrounding suburbs), I would like to register my opposition to this proposal.

The Petition for Rulemaking seeks an exemption from NRC rules which would permit the Sewer District to incinerate radioactive materials which enter the sanitary sewer system. I believe that this exemption would pose a serious threat to the health and safety of millions of Cuyahoga County residents. While I am sympathetic to the plight of the Sewer District -- which receives these materials through no fault of its own -- I do not believe that an exemption is the right way to proceed.

In fact, I believe that the granting of this exemption by the NRC would constitute a blatant admission by the agency that it has failed in its duty to protect the public from dangerous radioactive materials. Instead of simply accepting this failure, the NRC should concentrate on improving its regulatory capabilities in order to prevent the dumping of dangerous materials into our sewers.

For the health and safety of the residents of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, I urge you to deny this Petition for Rulemaking, and to pursue more effective methods of regulating radioactive materials.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy F. Hagan, President  
Board of County Commissioners