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To Whom It May Concern;

As stated by my colleague below, I too agree that there is **NO** evidence that the current set of Radiation Protection controls is not protective of the environment, and that the NRC should not develop separate radiation protection regulations for plant and animal species. To change, modify, revise update, etc., regulations of this magnitude will have far reaching impact on the Industrial Sector's current way of conducting business.

Personnel employed in the current 5 rem system allows for some situations that are restricting and confining such as work in Boilers, Tanks, Vessels, etc., where total shielding and distance may not be at it's maximum use; however, cutting that exposure in half, will cause either a total restriction from doing this type of work or continue the work but in an unsafe manner. I personally feel that this drastic measure will either put the Industrial Radiographic Testing market out of business or force unsafe conditions in order to stay under the restrictive requirement, if imposed.

In the end, we who have 25+ years of experience in the Radiography sector can attest to the fact that Radiation Safety is paramount in our industry, but to what extent, may force this field into extinction!

Thanks,

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