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General Comment

Manufacturers of devices containing exempt sources should be required to receive them back after their useful life has expired without charge to the user of the device.

Consider smoke detectors for example. The devices indicate that they have a useful life of ten years. At which time I, as a user of the device, am required to purchase a new device and to dispose of the americium into the local municipal landfill. If manufactures were required to receive them back for recycling without a handling fee, less americium would be released to the environment. I queried a manufacturer about returning these devices and was told that I could ship them to their factory as long as I paid \$5 per device (as I recall).

Although legal, releasing americium to the environment is not the best available solution. Each individual smoke detector is probably harmless, but institutions like hospitals or nursing home may change out hundreds of these devices at a time. Putting that many devices into a landfill is not a good thing.

Please consider adding this requirement to these regulations.

Rulemaking Comments

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Van,

Attached for docketing is a comment from Eric Boeldt on the above noted proposed rule (75 FR 36211) 3150-AH91 that I received via the regulations.gov website.

Thanks,
Carol

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