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Dear Secretary,

I oppose the proposed 10 CFR 61 changes and ask NRC to make changes in the direction of greater isolation of waste. Radioactive releases and exposure to humans and other species must be prevented, not increased.

I especially reject and ask that you remove the following provisions in your proposal:

No deregulation of radioactive waste waste:

Remove all provisions that would allow nuclear waste to go to regular trash or other unregulated places or into commercial recycling into consumer goods. This approach has been consistently rejected by the American public and explicitly by Congress in the 1992 Energy Policy Act. Delete the existing "§ 61.6 Exemptions" and the proposed addition to "§61.7 Concepts" that would allow deregulating, exempting and releasing radioactive waste and materials from radioactive regulatory control.

No increase in radiation to the public:

Reduce radiation releases: the goal should be to prevent all releases. Reject the proposed change from the current allowable public dose of 25 millirems/year to the higher 25 millirems EDE, 100 millirems EDE, 500 millirems EDE or even more per year.

No "black box" Performance Assessments by dump operators:

Remove all provisions that would allow dump operators to do their own "Performance Assessments" and make "Safety Cases" to claim they can put more kinds of radioactive waste and longer-lasting nuclear waste in shallow land burial trenches. This presents an obvious conflict-of-interest issue, as operators would have a vested interest in a favorable outcome of such assessments.

No preemption of state's authority:

Allow states to continue setting stricter, more protective standards than NRC. Remove the "Level B" compatibility requirement.

Radioactive materials hazardous for 100 years or more should be kept out of burial grounds. Simply labeling various time periods (compliance, performance, protective assurance, etc) and assigning increasing allowable doses does not protect anyone--it simply makes it legal to pollute.

It disturbs me to think that anyone would think it is alright to expose people to any amount of radioactive waste. To hear that lawmakers are considering allowing it to be legal for the public to be exposed to more radiation than they currently are being exposed to is unacceptable. Radioactive waste is toxic, it's deadly, it doesn't stop being toxic because you bury it in the ground and try to pretend that it isn't that harmful or that it isn't there. It remains toxic for thousands of years. We need to move away from using nuclear power as an energy source, containing the waste that already exists is a growing problem. It scares me to think that deregulating the current safe guards to protect people from the harm of nuclear waste is even being considered. Do you want your friends, families, and loved ones to be put at further risk of exposure? It just won't be the people you know in your life time that will be put at risk if the waste isn't contained properly it will continue to effect

generations of people to come. It's appalling to me that think this is even being considered, I hope that you will realize what a bad idea it is to deregulated the safeguards that currently exist to try to protect people from radioactive waste.

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