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Dear Secretary,

I oppose the proposed 10 CFR 61 changes. The proposed changes will increase the numbers of cancer cases in the general public and are a dangerous and foolhardy step. The NRC must stop acting as pimp to the corrupt and treacherous nuclear industry and must make changes in its rules to mandate more stringent isolation of radioactive wastes. Radioactive releases and exposure to humans and other species must be prevented, not increased.

I especially demand that you remove the following provisions in your proposal:

No deregulation of radioactive wastes:

Remove all provisions that would allow nuclear waste to go to regular trash or other unregulated disposal sites or into commercial recycling into consumer goods. (That is so stupid!) 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. Clearly, this is lunacy. Lunacy for profit: now that's corrupt!

The NRC must start acting to ensure the public's safety, not the industry's financial wellbeing. Do not think that the American public does not know what is going on here. We are watching closely.

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