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General Comment

I oppose the requested rule change. We are already experiencing higher background levels of radiation, compliments of Fukushima and releases from domestic accidents at nuclear storage facilities. The results of these exposures is cumulative--and long lasting. Because of the long duration of radioactive materials, we'll still be exposed--long after the individual events are long forgotten. There is no solid evidence that low-level radiation confers benefit. Indeed, early indications from Fukushima and cancer rates there, are just the opposite, and support the Linear No Threshold standard currently in effect. The NRC is supposed to be a regulatory agency that protects us from impacts from the nuclear industry. It must do so with a full appreciation, not only of potential industry exposures, but in context of rising rates of background exposures. The requested change in the rules sends the wrong message and does not protect the general health of the American people. If specific industries have additional information to offer consumers at point of use (e.g. in a medical context), it is their responsibility to educate their consumers. It is wholly inappropriate to permit the industry to irradiate us all with "low doses" just to satisfy the nuclear industry's concerns about public acceptance.