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General Comment

Dear NRC,

In response to this:

'Consistent with SECY-16-0118, the NRC is conducting this VLLW Scoping Study, which will consider disposal of waste as defined by 10 CFR part 61 as the isolation, by emplacement in a land disposal facility, of radioactive wastes from the biosphere that is inhabited by man and that contains his food chains. As such, the scoping study will not address non-disposal related disposition pathways including unrestricted release, clearance, reuse, or recycle of materials.

The purpose of the VLLW Scoping Study is to identify possible options to improve and strengthen the NRC's regulatory framework for the disposal of the anticipated large volumes of VLLW associated with the decommissioning of nuclear power plants, and waste that might be generated by alternative waste streams that may be created by fuel reprocessing or a radiological event. Additionally, the NRC plans to evaluate regulatory options that could define the conditions under which VLLW, including mixed waste, could be disposed of in RCRA hazardous waste facilities.'

Any proposal to deregulate current radioactive waste using this VLLW idea is NOT acceptable.

Current protections barely keep us separated from the radioactive waste stream. No weakening of regulations is acceptable in a society that knows the risk.

Dumping medical/industrial radioactive waste in third world country dumps has proven nightmarish and poisons water, air, and soil beside maiming humans and animal life.

Please, please dont do this. As a regulatory Commission, we rely on your safeguarding us from nuclear waste trying to imitate banana peels.

Thank you,

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