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General Comment

As part of regulating nuclear operations, the NRC's job is to protect humans and other organisms from contact with human-created radioactive materials, which as you know are often carcinogenic and radioactive for hundreds or thousands of years. Classifying some radioactive waste as "very low level" and allowing it to be disposed of in ordinary landfills and not tracked would be abandoning that task. Landfills do leak, and untracked material could end up being recycled or re-used in unpredictable ways that would bring it into even closer contact with the U.S. public, creating large and unknown and unrecoded health risks.

Please do not create a new category of nuclear waste that will not be tracked--do your job and figure out safe (or safer) ways of disposing of less-reactive waste that include tracking such materials and containing them safely.

Thank you

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