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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Attention: Docketing and Service Branch (Below Regulatory Concern Petition) Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

I am writing regarding the proposed name change cf a hazardous nuclear waste (so-called "low level" nuclear waste) to waste "Below Regulartory concern."

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(53 FR 49886)

I understand that the NRC is acquiescing in the change proposed by the EPA. (Or was it the NRC which broached the proposed change?)

At present I am opposed to the name change but I am suspending final judgement until I receive your reply to this letter.

Nothing happens without a cause. (Even random events seem to have some pattern.) I wonder what has caused the NRC to decide to acquiesce to the renaming of a hazardous waste. There is speculation among media commentators and among environmentalists as to what the cause(s) might be. I am wondering about the fundamental reason(s) for the name change, not the rationalized reasons.

Sir, please respond unequivocally to the following question. What are the fundamental reasons for the name change of hazardous nuclear wastes (so-called low-level nuclear wastes) to wastes "Below Regulatory Concern?"

I have also written to the EPA. Please do not simply refer this letter to the EPA. I respectfully request a reply directly from the NRC.

I would appreciate receiving your reply on or before November the 11th. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, Frank Strahl

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