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William Reilly, Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Reilly,

CACC shares the concern of millions of American citizens that the EPA will linguistically detoxify nuclear waste and allow it to be disposed of in municipal landfills and incinerators.

The determination that certain curie levels of "low level radioactive waste" are "below regulatory concern" will allow this to occur. Counties all over Michigan and surrounding states are considering ordinances to halt this practice, hoping to be able to prevent the comingling of unregulated radioactive materials with the municipal waste stream.

These concerns are very real. Sanitation workers are not equipped to recognize and monitor radioactive materials and handle them accordingly. The cumulative exposures by such laborers will pose a substantial health risk over the years of their employment. Furthermore, waste streams that are separated and recycled at a central location offer even more potential for exposure to workers, other materials and the environment. Trucks carrying such materials will not be required to carry identifying labels to indicate the hazardous cargo and the potential for accidental release will be compounded.

It is our sincere hope that the EPA will cease consideration of this concept. Radioactive materials should be more tightly regulated, monitored, and tracked; restrictions should not be relaxed. The nuclear industry has more than enough federal subsidy through Price-Anderson and the siting of storage ("disposal") facilities for LLRW around the nation. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

Ann Hunt  
Executive Director

cc: Congressman Bill Schuette  
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