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Secretary of the Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docketing and Service Branch, Docket \$ PRM-35-9 Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society of Nuclear Medicine. I am a practicing Radiologist at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals-UMC in Stratford, New Jersey. т am deeply concerned over the revised 10 CFR 35 regulations governing the medical use of byproduct material as they significantly impact my ability to practice high-quality Nuclear Medicine and are preventing me from providing optimized care to individual patients.

The highly restrictive NTC regulations will only jeopardize public health and safety by: restricting access to appropriate Nuclear Medicine prodecures; exposing patients to higher radiaiton absorbed doses from alternative legal, but non-optimal, studies; and exposing hospital personnel to higher radiation absorbed doses because of unwarranted, repetitive procedures.

I strongly urge the NRC to adopt the ACNP/SNM Petition for Rulemaking as expediously as possible.

Sincerely\_

Paul J. Chase, D.O. Chairman, Nuclear Medcine Dept.

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