

October 26, 1989

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I want to voice strong support for the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society of Nuclear Medicine. I am currently director of Radiology at Methodist Evangelical Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with many of my colleagues, I am very concerned over the revised 10 CFR 35 regulations (effective April, 1987), governing the medical use of byproduct material. This impacts our ability to practice Nuclear Medicine at the highest level of guality and does not allow one the opportunity to provide optimal care to individual patients.

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

Sincerely,

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