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Mr. Lando W. Zech, Jr. Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

ic has come to my attention that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has proposed to redefine and deregulate low-level radioactive waste. As the Representative from the 11th district of Ohio, I am particulary concerned about this proposal.

Many of the residents of my district live or work in the vicinity of the Perry nuclear power plant. Furthermore, as you know, 90 percent of all low-level waste is generated by nuclear power plants. Redefining or deregulating low-level waste could result in dangerous levels of exposure for my constituents and for many others across the country.

I request that you update me on the status of the rulemaking.

Thank you.

Sinc DENNIS ELECKART Member of Congress

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