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Mr. James Kennedy  
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Re: SECY 90-318

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Why should the Federal Government or the State Government take title to waste, any waste, that is generated by private industry? The generators are reaping the economic benefit from an operation that generates low-level waste. Therefore, they have the title of this waste. (If you have possession, you have the title.) However, if this is a given, the generators can not be allowed to treat this waste in a frivolous way nor can they adopt the "out of site, out of mind" mentality by transporting it off site.

With this understanding, a strict policy for onsite storage, requires Federal Government promulgation with vigorous enforcement built into the policy. On-site, above ground, monitored, retrievable storage has to be the least damaging to the environment.

Non-proliferation of nuclear power plants with the goal of shutting down existing operations will stop the generation of radioactive waste. In the absence of a solution, a policy of storing waste where it is generated, monitoring and retrieving when it leaks is probably 20th century man's only "safe" option.

Yours truly,

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