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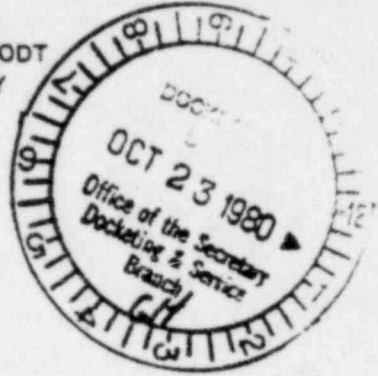
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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

ATT: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I heartily endorse the proposed rule (announced in the Federal Register, volume 45, number 197, Wednesday, October 8, 1980 - 10CFR, part 20) regarding a proposal by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to remove most of the restrictions on the disposal of liquid scintillation media and animal carcasses. The proposed rule will have a major economic positive impact on our Medical Center (saving between \$200,000 and \$250,000 a year in waste disposal costs) without any measurable or demonstrable effect on the health of our citizens. As Head of Radiology at the Washington University Medical School and Radiologist-in-Chief of Barnes Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital, I am concerned about costs of research important to the health of our citizens in the future and the health of citizens today. I encourage the enactment of the proposed rules with considerable costs savings to research and the subsequent ability to provide more scientific research for each research dollar.

Please let me know if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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