MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL A cor mouth-Hitchcock Medical Center the state of the same DOOKET NUMBER, Handver, New Hampshire 03755 603/643-4000 PROPOSED RULE PR 20 (45 FR 6 708) October 29, 1980 Secretary of the Commission U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555 Dear Sir: This letter is in reference to the proposed amendment, 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation". Our institution wholeheartedly supports the proposed changes to reclassify some of the "low-level" radioactive wastes produced at medical institutions. Potential hazards from the radioactivities of these wastes are far outweighed by the high costs of disposal, the hazards of concentrating these materials at a few locations, and the problems of trucking the wastes across the country. Once again, we wish to emphasize our full support for this action. Sincerely yours, or tuning Alexander Filimonov, Ph.D. Radiation Safety Officer Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center cc: Biosafety Office AF:kh 1.44, 61.2. 10/31/80 Acknowledged L. Lurd 8011120 088