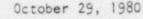


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RE: Federal Register Notice Vol. 45, No. 197, Wednesday, October 8, 1980, pp 57018-67020 Proposed Rule to Amend 10CFR Part 20

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As President of The Society of Nuclear Medicine, I strongly support the adoption of the proposed rule referenced above. This rule will help alleviate the high cost of shipping large volumes of low level radioactive wastes to approved disposal sites and will have a negligible, if any, impact on the environment or on the health and safety of the public.

I very much appreciate the common sense approach to rule-making implied in this proposed rule change.

Sincerely yours,

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