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

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I have had an opportunity to review the proposed rulemaking which would allow NRC licensees to dispose of liquid scintillation media and animal carcasses containing less than 0.05 microcuries of hydrogen-3 or carbon-14 per gram without regard to their radioactivity. My understanding is that the proposed rulemaking would also allow the disposal by release to a sanitary sewerage system of up to 5 curies of hydrogen-3 and one curie of carbon-14 per year, in addition to the presently allowed one curie per year for all radionuclides.

I believe that the proposed rulemaking is acceptable under current circumstances and recommend that the revision be adopted. If the country is able to resolve our immediate low-level radioactive waste management problems, I feel that we should reevaluate our philosophy regarding radioactive waste disposal.

Sincerely,

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