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

Dear Sir:

We have read critically the proposed standards for protection against radiation, 10 CFR part 20, and wish to convey our support for this rule change.

The proposed amendment provides a needed standard for determination of the safe level of radioactivity. The creation of such standards would result in a negligible increase in the level of radioisotopes in the natural environment and would greatly reduce the amounts of materials we are now obliged to dispose of as radioactive. This in turn would help to relieve an undue physical and financial burden from our campus in times when such burdens are becoming especially difficult to bear.

It seems reasonable to expect that once adapted by the N.R.C. these standards will be applied on the state and city levels as well - indeed that will be necessary for universities and research institutions, and indirectly the public, to derive the greatest benefit from this proposal.

Sincerely,

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cc: New York State Commissioner of Health
New York City Commissioner of Health

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