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

Dear Sir:

I have been informed of the proposed change to Part 20 of 10 CFR concerning disposal of (a) liquid scintillation media and animal carcasses containing tracer levels of hydrogen-3 and carbon-14 and (b) hydrogen-3 and carbon-14 through the sewerage system. By way of this letter, I am registering my support of these amendments.

It is important that burial sites be conserved for radioactive waste products which pose a significant risk to the general public. This rule, if accepted, would also represent a welcomed attempt to distinguish between "radioactive" waste and "nonradioactive" waste which contains background or natural levels of radiation.

If this proposal is accepted, a consequence which cannot be ignored will be the substantial financial savings to health care and research institutions.

I hope these comments will be taken into consideration when the proposed amendments are considered for adoption.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Szilagyi,
Assistant Administrator
Safety Director

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