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PROPOSED RULE PR 20

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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555
Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

Reference: Docket No. PR20 (45FR67018)

I am writing to register my support of 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, and which would raise the annual limits for disposal of hydrogen-3 and carbon-14 by release to the sanitary sewage system. The proposed changes will help to achieve a better cost effectiveness for waste processing in medical and research institutions by reducing the disproportionate amount of money currently being spent to achieve acceptable disposal of innocuous amounts of hydrogen-3 and carbon-14. Adoption of the proposed rules will permit better use of available resources to achieve proper disposal of other more hazardous types and levels of radionuclides.

I urge adoption of the proposed changes as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Acknowledged by card.

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