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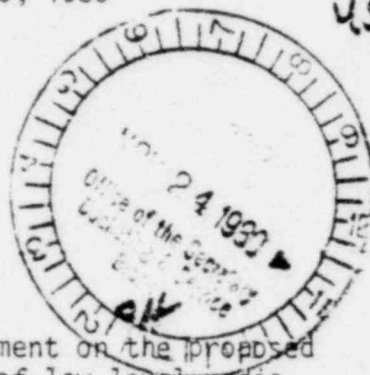
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Dear Sir:

We wish to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes in 10 CFR 20 governing the disposal of low level radioactive materials published in the Federal Register on October 8, 1980. In our opinion this is a positive step in dealing with the problem of management of low level radioactive waste.

This change will allow us to reduce the present amount of waste sent for burial by approximately 50%, and will benefit Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center economically and the environment as well, since we will not be burying toluene based fluors.

We hope this regulation is but a first step in an overall program which attempts to deal with the entire problem of low-level medical radioactive waste disposal. In our opinion, the program announced by the National Governors Association should be carried forward and we support the efforts by the N.R.C. to encourage agreement States to take the lead in discussions with neighboring States for regionalization.

Sincerely,  
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