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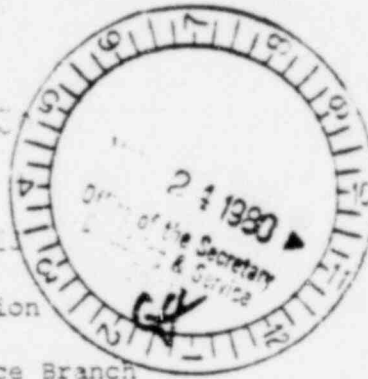
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Secretary of the Commission  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555  
ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

The NRC proposed rule (Federal Register Vol. 45, No. 197, October 8, 1980) to permit licensees to dispose of liquid scintillation media and animal carcasses containing tracer levels of tritium or carbon-14 without regard to its radioactivity is a very sensible step toward solving the problem of low level radioactive waste disposal. Other media besides liquid scintillation cocktail should be included at the level of 0.05 uCi/gm carbon-14 or tritium to conserve waste burial land and contain shipping costs. Blood culture vials containing carbon-14 should be included.

Increasing the annual limits for disposal of hydrogen-3 and carbon-14 by release into the sanitary sewerage system is also favorable.

Sincerely,

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