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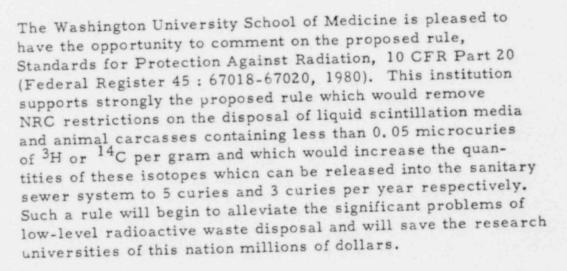
PROPOSED RULE PR 20
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Secretary of the Commission U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Mr. Secretary:



However, as the Commission points out in its explanation of the rule, burial of low-level radioactive waste containing toluene or other scintillation fluid, poses significant problems and these problems will remain unchanged regardless of whether the institutions use onsite burial or ship to an off-site location. The only reasonable method of handling these wastes is by incineration. In most cases, this will require changes in local ordinances or in obtaining special incineration permits.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission can and should play a critical role in persuading state and local governments as well as the general public that incineration is a safe and acceptable method of handling low level radioactive waste.

Sincerely,

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