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Dear Sir:

The attached communication sent to me by Kim Fockler has been respectfully referred to you for your review, consideration, and comment.

I ask that you kindly return the enclosed correspondence to Pete Tartline of my staff.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

BILL GOODLING  
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Goodling:

Recently, I have been reading about a new federal policy which would relax controls on low-level radioactive wastes. As stated in the article I have enclosed, low-level wastes such as gloves, clothing, lab equipment and even buildings at nuclear powerplants would be treated like normal garbage if radiation doses were low enough.

I could not believe what I was reading. I thought we were finally trying our best to clean up the environment. I completely disagree with this policy. I think this policy invites people to dispose of any radioactive waste with no discretion. This policy is totally irresponsible.

- ① Is this policy currently being followed?
- ② At this time, where is low and high level radioactive waste being stored?
- ③ What are

the reasons for wanting to treat low-level radioactive wastes like normal garbage?

④ Is there much opposition to this policy?

⑤ What are your views on this matter, Mr. Goodling? Do you think low-level radioactive wastes should be treated as normal garbage?

⑥ Who would be responsible for determining if radioactive wastes are considered low-level each time they are disposed of?

⑦ What direction is this policy headed to, please let me know if this is state-wide, nation wide and whether it has been approved as a law yet?

I would really appreciate an answer to each question I have asked. I am anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
Kim Fackler

About one month ago, someone in your office told me he would send me a copy of the new clean air bill. It hasn't arrived yet. Please send it to me with your response to this letter. Thank you.

## STATE FILE

WASHINGTON

### **Kostmayer against new nuclear policy**

Rep. Peter Kostmayer, D-Bucks County, and other House Interior Committee members are preparing legislation to combat a new federal policy relaxing controls on low-level radioactive wastes.

Kostmayer said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission policy holds particular significance for Pennsylvania, which recently approved a law preventing nuclear wastes from being dumped in municipal landfills.

Without congressional action, Kostmayer said, he feared the law might be superseded by the recently announced policy.

Under the new policy, low-level wastes, such as gloves, clothing, lab equipment and even buildings at nuclear power plants, would be treated like normal garbage if radiation doses were low enough.