

December 14, 1990

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NRC recognizes the beneficial uses of radioactive materials in medicine and research. Physician members of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Use of Isotopes (ACMUI) currently advise NRC on policy and technical issues related to the medical use of byproduct material. At a future ACMUI meeting, I will include issues on management of medical LLW as a topic for discussion.

I appreciate your interest and continued support regarding issues related to the disposal of LLW and the medical use of byproduct material. I trust that this responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Robert M. Bernero
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