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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is completing work on a proposed regulation for land disposal of radioactive waste, 10 CFR Part 61. As part of this effort, the staff has prepared a draft technical position paper on design and operation of near-surface disposal facilities under 10 CFR Part 61.

As part of the review process for this paper, NRC is making copies of this paper available to interested members of the technical community and a copy is enclosed for your review and comment. It will also be distributed at a symposium on Low-Level Waste Facility Design, Construction, and Operations to be sponsored by NRC and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Washington, DC on September 29-30, 1982. The paper will be revised in October to reflect internal technical review as well as informal public review. Therefore, any comments you have should be provided to this branch by October 15, 1982. Verbal comments or questions may be addressed to George Pangburn at 301-427-4574. Your cooperation in this effort is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

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