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Attention : Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir(s):

As a nuclear medicine supervisor in a 200 bed community hospital in Maine, I would like to accept your offer to comment on the possible changes that would further restrict release of radioactive waste into the sanitary system.

I strongly recommend that present exemptions to patient excreta, whether from diagnostic or therapeutic procedures, NOT be changed. The collection and storage of this material would cause unnecessary exposure and unacceptable working practices and conditions for healthcare workers.

The added expense to facilities attempting to safely store this waste would be unreasonable in light of the fact that the material is soluble/readily dispersible, and short-lived. I believe the current practice is safe and the most practical approach.

I thank the commission for the opportunity to express my viewpoints.

Yours truly,

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