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Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sirs:

I write to support the proposed changes in 10 CFR Parts 20 & 35, dealing with criteria for release of patients to whom radiopharmaceuticals or other appropriate radioactive material has been administered. Those changes noted in the Federal Register Vol 59 # 114 of 6-15-94 appear to be a major step in the direction of practical regulation in behalf of public health and safety for America.

Although terminology is precise, format is reversed when it comes to threshold limits (pg 30730, last paragraph, column 1, 1st sentence) "The 1-millisievert (0.1-rem) threshold... should be contrasted with page 30732 column 2 under par 20.1301 paragraph (2) "... does not exceed 0.002 rem (0.02 mSv) in any one hour." That is sieverts before rem **versus** rem prior to sieverts!

Abandonment of the so-called 30 millicurie rule is jointly in the best interests of medicine including nuclear medicine and the public health at large. Thank you for your efforts at clarification, and modification of the 30 mCi "rule" which has befuddled and plagued unnecessarily practitioners for decades.

Sincerely Yours,

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