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General Comment

I whole-heartedly oppose the proposed regulatory change to allow radioactive waste in regular landfills and hazardous waste sites.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal of an "interpretive rule" that would give "specific exemptions" to landfill operators to accept and store radioactive waste (and to do so with no notice to the adversely affected communities) is unconscionable. This giveaway to the nuclear industry would bypass long-standing requirements in favor of cheaper disposal and transfer of waste from nuclear power plants across the country into Idaho. OUR communities would be forced to bear the burden of radioactive waste for generations to come!

I urge you to not pursue such an important and substantive change in the law during the COVID-19 public health crisis! The nuclear industry has been trying to convince the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make this change for decades and the Commission should not proceed when the public cannot participate meaningfully due to the international health crisis