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General Comment

I have become aware that the Nuclear Regulatory Agency is considering a change to the nuclear waste disposal rules to allow radioactive waste to be dumped in the country's regular landfills and hazardous waste sites (instead of regulated radioactive waste storage facilities).

I find this idea absolutely unconscionable, not to mention terrifying. I strongly oppose the effort to use Idaho's landfills as radioactive waste dumps. Radioactive waste is a hazard to public health. Period.

The fact that this is happening during the COVID19 crisis raises suspicion that the industry is trying to slip under the radar while everyone's attention is on COVID19.

We have enough to confront right now without the nuclear industry trying to pull a regulatory sleight of hand to bring radioactive waste into Idaho.

AT THE VERY LEAST, THE COMMISSION SHOULD SUSPEND THIS PROCESS FOR THE DURATION OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.