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General Comment

Dear Sirs:

The nuclear industry has been trying for years to change waste disposal rules to allow radioactive waste to be dumped in the country's regular landfills and hazardous waste sites rather than regulated radioactive waste storage facilities. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission decision to advance that proposed rule change during the COVID-19 pandemic creates a public health crisis of massive proportion.

The Commissions proposed "interpretive rule" giving "specific exemptions" to landfill operators to accept and store radioactive waste with no notice to adversely affected communities is a travesty. Such a 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. The nuclear industry would save money by cheaper and riskier disposal, putting the onus of future superfund sites on Idaho communities.

America joins the world in a battle for public safety and well being. I urge you to shelve this proposal during this unparalleled time.

Sincerely,

Russell Bessette