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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

I strongly oppose the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposal to allow near-surface disposal of Greater-than-Class-C (GTCC) waste.

An existing Environmental Impact Statement for GTCC waste determined that it is "not generally acceptable for near surface disposal." This proposed rulemaking would upend established principles regarding the safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste. GTCC waste includes waste produced in nuclear reactors, transuranic wastes (which take much longer to decay and can be dangerous for 1,000 years) and other types of nuclear waste. For this reason, only deep geologic disposal will ensure that this waste is not a threat to humanity. The NRC's proposal would reclassify that waste and allow it to be disposed of via shallow burial.

I am also concerned that this proposal is paving the way for GTCC waste to be dumped at the Waste Control Specialists site in Andrews County, Texas. A study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality showed that this site is not ideal for disposal of radioactive waste because of risk of water contamination. This rule change seems designed to allow inadequate disposal of this waste through shallow burial.

Furthermore, the risk of transport of GTCC waste across the country has not been adequately accounted for. Numerous communities would be put at risk as this dangerous waste passes through them.

I urge you not to proceed with this rulemaking and to develop a safe solution for the handling and disposal of Greater-than-Class C waste. I have been aware of the issues surrounding the disposal of nuclear waste near Andrews for longer than I can remember. I am not against nuclear power production, but all aspects of it must be done wisely & NOT just to enrich some corporation. BP said Gulf of Mexico drilling was totally safe, too. The TCEQ is a bad joke. If there is no Yucca Mt, or WIPP at Carlsbad, then this solution should not be approved either.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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