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Nuclear Regulatory Commission (VLLW)

RE: Reject nuclear waste in landfills--VLLW reinterpretation

Dear ,

To the NRC VLLW Docket NRC-2020-0065

Reject nuclear waste in landfills--VLLW reinterpretation

Since entire nuclear reactors become radioactive or get contaminated with radioactivity as a routine part of making electricity, all that waste is licensed radioactive material and waste.

I support the CURRENT interpretation of US nuclear regulations that require that licensed nuclear material and waste to be in the possession of persons who have licenses under the Atomic Energy Act to handle and dispose of nuclear waste.

I strongly oppose the VLLW plan to reinterpret the rules to let nuclear waste go to places without a nuclear license.

Managing the waste from nuclear power must remain the responsibility, legally and financially, of the licensed entities that made that waste.

I do not want any nuclear waste stored in my, or any other communities' local landfill or other properties . These facilities are woefully unprepared to receive this toxic , dangerous material. Further, this material should not go to ordinary hazardous or industrial waste sites; where the radioactivity can react with other chemicals. The result of such reactions will make the affected materials potentially even more harmful then they were before they came in contact with each other. Recycling facilities, incinerators and other unregulated disposal sites are also unsatisfactory.

This VLLW proposal would allow potentially entire nuclear reactors to be dumped or left on site, and classified as very low radioactive.

I object to the secretive nature of this whole process including the failure to require notification of or opportunity for communities to intervene when their landfill or other facility is applying or approved as "specific exempt."

There is no requirement or mechanism to verify or enforce the kinds and amounts of waste and leakage.

VLLW is not just "slightly contaminated" waste--it would allow ALL the waste (maybe even more) that now goes to licensed nuclear waste sites to go to regular garbage. The allowable level could cause cancer 1 in 500 people from the exposure over their lifetimes.

This proposal is even bolder and more expansive than the similar Below Regulatory Control policies that the public and Congress revoked in the 1990s.

Can states and local governments reject this reinterpretation? Or, must they adopt this new classification, especially when it is supposedly voluntary?

Please DO NOT proceed with this "interpretive" rule change ,which is a complete reversal of regulations requiring environmental impact statements both nationally and at each site.

Please keep nuclear waste under the current nuclear regulatory controls.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
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