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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter regarding the NRC proposed rulemaking comment period. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

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Dear NRC Commissioners, Staff and Official Docket for NRC 2020 0065:

I am writing to ask that you please extend the comment period for the NRC interpretive rulemaking "Transfer of VLLW Nuclear Waste to Exempt Persons for Disposal," Docket NRC 2020-0065 for six months beyond the COVID 19 crisis. The proposal would allow radioactive waste to go to exempt recipients including solid and hazardous waste landfills. This deserves significant attention in advance of making the change.

Illinois in fact has a law regarding Below Regulatory Concern, one of the predecessor proposals to the VLLW Very Low Level Waste concept. Residents and officials in our state need to assess how that law would be impacted and which facilities in the state could be impacted. Since we have several nuclear reactors, we do want to be sure that when they close, their waste is managed efficiently and safely. This interpretative change could impact that greatly and we need additional time to get a better sense of how that could play out in our state and share that information with the NRC.

NRC is well aware that the COVID-19 resurgence is increasingly disrupting individuals, organizations, communities, local and state government agencies across the country. The communities likely to be impacted are being hit disproportionately harder by the COVID-19 pandemic thus additional time would be a basic courtesy. The potential for the proposed rule to directly impact all of them is of great concern. There is no need to rush through the public comment period to the next steps of this rule change. Please afford additional time for public input. I ask that NRC provide more time so my constituents and local affected agencies and organizations can understand and assess the proposed changes.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Mitch Lohr (Mitch.Lohr@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky
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