

From: [Kim Limberg](#)
To: [RulemakingComments Resource](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 5:09:17 PM

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.

If a state creates nuclear waste, then that state should have to dispose of it safely within its own state boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: [Meliton Arriola](#)
To: [RulemakingComments Resource](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 6:57:05 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Meliton Arriola
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From: [Sr. Elizabeth Riebschlaeger](#)
To: [RulemakingComments Resource](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:48:49 PM

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

As a grade school student, like many others around the world, I vicariously experienced the dawn of the "atomic age" with the detonation of two nuclear devices in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As a high school Biology, Chemistry and World History student, I learned that the 1/2 life of deadly radioactive material was 250,000 years. As an adult, I learned that nuclear energy was good for medical treatment of cancer treatments, and that nuclear energy was the source of energy production for whole populations as well as for nuclear submarines. As an older adult, I learned that radioactive waste disposal problems were finally catching up with "human genius" with its challenges. As an older adult, I heard of permits being given for geological sites that were judged to be inappropriate for storage of nuclear waste, because of the danger of waste leakage into the environment. Now, I am learning that the long-postponed nightmare of a plan to transport of this highly dangerous nuclear waste through cities, towns and open country, over aquifers that supply water for millions living in them, as well as farmers who depend on those same aquifers, rivers and reservoirs to raise the nation's and world's food supplies. At this point, if we fail to plan wisely, it is a disaster equal to that of Chernobyl, but that will last 250,000 years.

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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.

As a US citizen on behalf of my unsuspecting fellow citizens, 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sr. Elizabeth Riebschlaeger
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