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To whom it may concern,

I would like to begin by declaring that I am absolutely against this proposed “interpretive rule,” which in actuality is a step toward ruinous deregulation. As a 21-year-old college student, my fellow peers and I are at a stage in our lives when we are hyper-attentive to the world around us as we develop our awareness that the future our generations are set to inherit is being crafted today. As such, I must say that I am strongly opposed to the new proposed regulation interpretation changes to allow “low-level” radioactive waste to be disposed of in landfills. Deregulation, especially in the nuclear industry, is incredibly dangerous to public health and removing safety measures and licensing requirements guarantees exactly that. When, as in this case, such deregulation is mischaracterized as an “interpretative rule” when it really is a substantial change to the entire regulation, the behavior becomes even more concerning. In addition to this, the 25 millirems per year exposure limit for these dumps is not only a level of exposure that is non-protective, but is a limit that is simply a formality as there is no ability for

NRC to enforce it. What is particularly worrying is that, given the lack of oversight, the public will be in the dark regarding what is happening in their community, in a fashion that has in the past affected communities of color disproportionately as an environmental justice issue.

Ultimately, this proposal is dangerous, deceptive, and unnecessary. The U.S. NRC operates as an organization with aims at “protecting people and the environment” but this proposal demonstrates a clear failure to adhere to these goals with consequences that will directly harm unconsenting, prospective generations that will have to contend with these toxic conditions. I urge you to see this issue not as a flawed economic consideration but as one involving real people that deserve a clean environment to thrive in.

Thank you,  
Nicolas Snyder

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