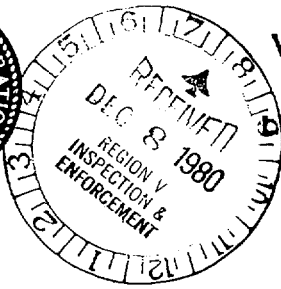


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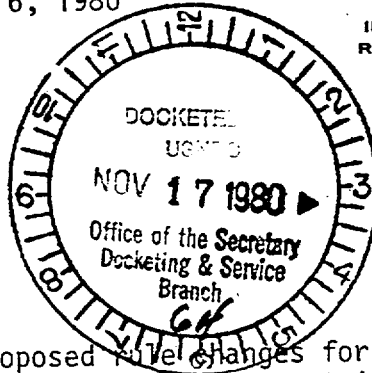


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November 6, 1980

PROPOSED RULE PR 20
45 FR 67018

IN REPLY REFER TO: 691/111C



Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the proposed rule changes for disposal of liquid scintillation vials and animal carcasses containing low levels of ³H and ¹⁴C. I strongly support such changes. I am engaged in research in gastrointestinal physiology at the Wadsworth VA Hospital, Los Angeles, California. My work involves the use of ¹⁴C containing substances in animals. Because of the recent problems with disposal of low level radiation waste, research at our institution has been markedly hampered. I have a very strong commitment to protection of the environment from unnecessary contamination by any dangerous substance. Since it is clear that there is no danger to the environment from the proposed routes of disposal of low level radiation generated by medical research and since medical research depends in great part on the use of ³H and ¹⁴C-containing substances, it seems most reasonable to facilitate the disposal of low level radiation waste as produced. I hope this rule change is accomplished.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Guth, M.D.

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March 6, 1981

Mr. Joseph Ward
Chief, Radiologic Health Section
Department of Health Services
714 P. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ward,

It has come to my attention that there is an old radioactive waste dump located in a residential neighborhood within my district. This material was apparently buried in plastic bags under eight feet of dirt. Wastes are no longer being deposited on this site. I also understand that there are water wells about one mile downstream from this dump.

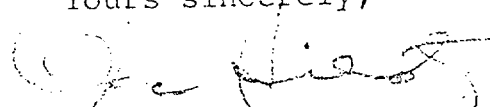
Efforts by local environmentalists to obtain radiological monitoring records for these wells have been unsuccessful. It appears that the wells have not been routinely monitored for radioactivity, despite the proximity of the radioactive waste dump. This situation may exist because few, if any, of the agencies which might do such monitoring were aware of the existence of this dumpsite.

The dump is located on the Veterans Administration property in Brentwood, parallel to the 400 block of Barrington Avenue and approximately 500 yards from the Veterans Administration's property line. The dumpsite is marked "X" on the enclosed well map. Downstream wells appear on the map as circles with a letter and a number identifying a particular well.

I am writing to request that radiological monitoring of these water wells be undertaken, with special attention to the specific radioisotopes most likely to be present.

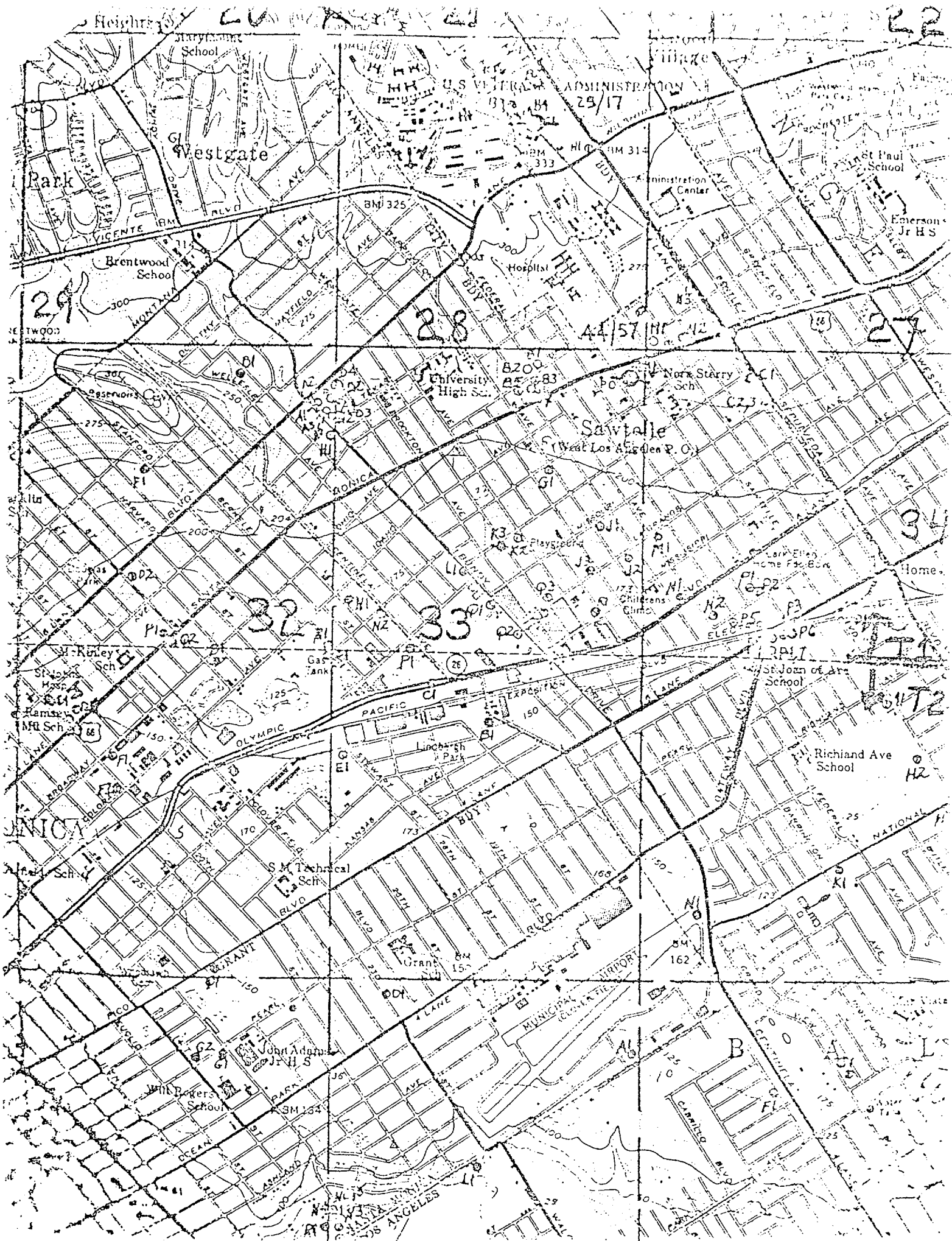
Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,


ALAN SIEROTY

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Note to file - memo No. 4-181-4

Remnant of a general memo the
ESD (Shapiro, Wetters, Wadsworth
USA Hospital regarding the
NRC policy on the clearance
of the land which had been
used for low-level waste burial
during 1960-1968, the information
in the memo states that per
to J.E. HQ (Edgar Meyer) 3/30/81
for Lewis and Alexander said
the remaining staff. Regional
staff commits (Shapiro & Wadsworth)
will that no serious objections
could be raised to publish in the
absence of the land area.

NRC becoming will make the
final decision on this matter.

Edgar Meyer
NRC