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Dear Sirs,

Allowing currently licensed and regulated nuclear wastes to be cleared from regulatory control in either a restricted or unrestricted way would result in unnecessary exposures to people and other living things. There are better ways to manage radioactive wastes.

If NRC decides to proceed with this rulemaking, it should concentrate on identifying and requiring isolation, monitoring and management for the hazardous life of all the waste. The goal should be to keep track of and isolate radioactivity and all materials contaminated with it, generated by nuclear power and weapons fuel chain industries, from the environment, workers and the public.

In addition, the NRC should consider recapture of any radioactive wastes that already have been released. How can we research potential health effects when we don't even know where the material has been released? These materials should be identified and health risks monitored. In addition, people should have the choice to live with these materials or not.

Sincerely,

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