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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to clarify NIH's policy on decay-in-storage (DIS). In general, radioactive waste is collected from research facilities and transported to a centralized facility for sorting and processing, and if appropriate, DIS. However, under certain circumstances, e.g., in animal facilities and BSL-3 and BSL-4 facilities, instead of collecting the radioactive waste from the facilities, NIH allows DIS to be used within the facilities themselves in accordance with 10 CFR 35.92. The waste can then be disposed without regard to radioactivity.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information. I may be reached at 301-594-0922 or [nnewman@nih.gov](mailto:nnewman@nih.gov).

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Newman

cc: Dr. Brad Wood, Chair, RSC

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