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NRC Commissioners:

As a public health physician, I am concerned that you are considering changes in the radioactive waste regulations that will increase the threat to human beings and other living things. You should be acting in the interest of the public welfare, not in the interest of industry.

The radiation protection standards should be strengthened, if anything—certainly not weakened. Monitoring and safety assessment should be done by independent parties not affiliated with dump operators or other parties in the nuclear industry. Moreover, if states wish to have even stricter safety standards for radioactive waste, they should be allowed to do so.

If you change radioactive regulations, you should tighten them, if anything.

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