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To Whom It May Concern:

As a U.S. citizen, I must insist that any changes to the NRC and DOT regulations, to "harmonize" them with IAEA regulations and standards, should be in the direction of better protecting worker and public health, safety, and the environment -- by which I mean protecting people and the planet, not saving the industry money to boost profits. To be clear: If IAEA's regulations and standards are stronger, those should become NRC's/DOT's. But if NRC's/DOT's happen to be stronger, then those should remain -- and NRC/DOT should urge IAEA to strengthen its standards.

Furthermore, if there are regulations in another country that are stronger than IAEA's and/or NRC's/DOT's, then those best-practices should be used to strengthen our own regulations. The point is, regulations should be strengthened internationally to the highest standards and best-practices, not weakened to the lowest common denominator.

Please let me know you will follow my advice.  
Thank you,  
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