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General Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

The NRC is considering weakening the rule regarding disposal of radioactive waste due to corporate pressure.

More specifically, a facility in Andrews County, TX, owned by Waste Control Specialists, is positioning itself to accept radioactive waste. But this company is not licensed to handle this waste, so it is seeking the rule change so it can bury the waste in a shallow pit near our nations largest aquifer.

This waste includes metals that have been irradiated inside nuclear reactor cores. The NRCs own licensing requirements state that this material is not generally acceptable for near surface disposal.

The proposed rule change would undo established principles regarding the safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste. It would allow highly radioactive materials, which should be stored deep underground in safe repositories, to instead be disposed of near the surface.

The proposed rule change would threaten public health and safety.

Please prioritize the safety of U.S. communities. Please dispose of radioactive waste properly.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.