

**From:** [Rogard Ross](#)  
**To:** [RulemakingComments Resource](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste  
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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

I oppose the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposal to allow near-surface disposal of Greater-than-Class-C (GTCC) waste, since it does not define an upper limit for radioactive contamination.

An existing Environmental Impact Statement for GTCC waste determined that it is "not generally acceptable for near surface disposal." This proposed rulemaking would upend established principles regarding the safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste. GTCC waste includes waste produced in nuclear reactors, transuranic wastes (which take much longer to decay and can be dangerous for 1,000 years) and other types of nuclear waste. For this reason, only deep geologic disposal will ensure that this waste is not a threat to humanity. The NRC's proposal would reclassify that waste and allow it to be disposed of via shallow burial.

I am also concerned that this proposal is paving the way for GTCC waste to be dumped at the Waste Control Specialists site in Andrews County, Texas. A study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality showed that this site is not ideal for disposal of radioactive waste because of risk of water contamination. This rule change seems designed to allow inadequate disposal of this waste through shallow burial.

Furthermore, the risk of transport of GTCC waste across the country has not been adequately accounted for. Numerous communities would be put at risk as this dangerous waste passes through them.

I urge you not to proceed with this rulemaking and to develop a safe solution for the handling and disposal of Greater-than-Class C waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rogard Ross  
Chesapeake, VA 22335

**From:** [Sandy Bell](#)  
**To:** [RulemakingComments Resource](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2019 5:00:24 PM

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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

I strongly oppose the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposal to allow near-surface disposal of Greater-than-Class-C (GTCC) waste.

An existing Environmental Impact Statement for GTCC waste determined that it is "not generally acceptable for near surface disposal." This proposed rulemaking would upend established principles regarding the safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste. GTCC waste includes waste produced in nuclear reactors, transuranic wastes (which take much longer to decay and can be dangerous for 1,000 years) and other types of nuclear waste. For this reason, only deep geologic disposal will ensure that this waste is not a threat to humanity. The NRC's proposal would reclassify that waste and allow it to be disposed of via shallow burial.

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Furthermore, the risk of transport of GTCC waste across the country has not been adequately accounted for. Numerous communities would be put at risk as this dangerous waste passes through them.

I urge you not to proceed with this rulemaking and to develop a safe solution for the handling and disposal of Greater-than-Class C waste. If we insist on using nuclear energy, we must make it safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Bell  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

**From:** [Karen Howard-Winters](#)  
**To:** [RulemakingComments Resource](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Docket ID No. NRC-2017-0081 - don't allow unsafe disposal of radioactive waste  
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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

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An existing Environmental Impact Statement for GTCC waste determined that it is "not generally acceptable for near surface disposal." This proposed rulemaking would upend established principles regarding the safe handling and disposal of radioactive waste. GTCC waste includes waste produced in nuclear reactors, transuranic wastes (which take much longer to decay and can be dangerous for 1,000 years) and other types of nuclear waste. For this reason, only deep geologic disposal will ensure that this waste is not a threat to humanity. The NRC's proposal would reclassify that waste and allow it to be disposed of via shallow burial.

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Furthermore, the risk of transport of GTCC waste across the country has not been adequately accounted for. Numerous communities would be put at risk as this dangerous waste passes through them.

I urge you not to proceed with this rulemaking and to develop a safe solution for the handling and disposal of Greater-than-Class C waste.

I live 40-miles from Andrews, Texas and this proposed nuclear waste dump. My concern is paramount as this is in MY backyard. I worry about the decision that I have made to make my home here. My property value. How much will my investment be worth should this radioactive nuclear waste dump be located 40-miles from my home?

I've mentioned my activities in opposing the plans Waste Control Specialists have had to upgrading their license to include high level nuclear waste to their dump site in Andrews to try to get support from my Medical Professionals. The next thing I know, the doctors that I have mentioned this to have moved away. Imagine that.

My doctors and others who have the financial means to be able to pick up and move away are fortunate. The unfortunate people who have had Waste Control Specialists (WCS) foisted on them in Andrews, making them so powerful that no one can speak against them, or they will lose their lucrative jobs which they now enjoy, cannot speak for themselves.

I cannot move. I and the generations of people who live in Andrews before WCS can't move either. They just don't want WCS to go back on their original word that they would not accept any high level nuclear waste.

I don't want a Super Fund in my backyard.

Private companies have no business handling the most dangerous waste man has ever known.  
They've no permanent buy-in to the communities where they do business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Karen Howard-Winters  
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**From:** [du ng](#)  
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Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission rulemaking,

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal to allow near-surface disposal of Greater-than-Class-C (GTCC) waste is dangerous and indefensible.

An existing Environmental Impact Statement for GTCC waste determined that it is "not generally acceptable for near surface disposal" of radioactive waste. GTCC waste includes waste produced in nuclear reactors, transuranic wastes which take much longer to decay and can be dangerous for 1,000 years and other types of nuclear waste. This proposed change is at direct odds with established principles, using the mere expedient of reclassification to allow disposal of radioactive waste via shallow burial.

This rule change seems specifically designed to allow Waste Control Specialists to dump, without proper licensing, radioactive waste in a shallow pit in Andrews County, Texas. A study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality showed that disposal of radioactive waste at this site poses risk of water contamination.

The risk of transport of GTCC waste across the country has not been adequately accounted for. Numerous communities would be put at risk as this dangerous waste passes through them. NRC must drop this reckless proposal and develop a safe solution for the handling and deep geologic disposal of Greater-than-Class C waste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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san jose, CA 95123