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General Comment

It is a travesty to everyone in the U.S. that the NRC is STILL planning to change the nuclear waste disposal rules. Dumping/placing ANY kind of radioactive nuclear waste in regular unregulated municipal landfills & hazardous waste sites is not only dangerous (to workers, neighbors & underlying groundwater) but a monstrous act of irresponsibility by the federal government. NUCLEAR WASTE OF ANY LEVEL SHOULD ONLY AND ALWAYS BE PLACED IN A REGULATED RADIOACTIVE WASTE STORAGE FACILITY.

This proposal gives no prior notice to adversely affected communities or to regions where the transport of these deadly materials will happen.

AND, during this global health crisis when people are totally focused on their health and livelihoods it is unconscionable for

The NRC to push this dangerous proposal.

We all know that decommissioning old nuclear reactors is very expensive. But to reduce this cost by sending the resulting nuclear waste to a landfill rather than to a more expensive regulated facility designed to handle it safely is not fooling anyone.

By not being forthcoming with why the NRC is really proposing this rule change, it is perpetuating the public's distrust of all things nuclear. Stop proping up this dying industry and keep all nuclear waste in regulated facilities where it can be monitored by trained workers in the nuclear safety field.

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