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Sincerely,

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Abstract: In March 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a technical position that may be used to evaluate requests to dispose of treated emission control dust contaminated with cesium-137 (¹³⁷Cs) resulting from the of inadvertent melting of ¹³⁷Cs sources in scrap steel at hazardous waste disposal facilities. The position, which was coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency, provides a public health-protective, environmentally sound, and cost-effective disposal alternative for a large part of this material. The Commission also recently made available to the public a draft rule on radiological criteria for license termination. The rule, when finalized, will provide a dose-based criterion for the termination of licensed nuclear facilities. This presentation will provide an overview of these recent NRC initiatives in addressing the management of radioactive and mixed waste.

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