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Ms. Cindy Bladey
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Dear Ms. Bladey,

I write today to post an official public comment regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) consideration of rulemaking to address prompt remediation of residual radioactivity during operations (Federal Register/Vol 76, No. 137/ June 17, 2011). I believe that a rule to require prompt remediation of radioactive contamination is necessary and should be implemented.

This proposed rule would have particular significance to many of my constituents, because the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station lies within my district. This plant is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2019, and has a history of tritium leaks, including leaks that have reached the water table. I strongly encourage the NRC to pay close attention to contaminated water table remediation. If the water table becomes contaminated thousands of people can be at risk. This must be addressed.

I would also like to remind the NRC that radioactive leaks from corroded underground piping remain a serious concern. While prompt remediation would address the leaks, it would not address the root problem of corroded underground piping. It is likely that leaks will get worse as our infrastructure ages.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Jon Runyan
Member of Congress

JR/jb