

The Board of Health of the City of Haverhill, on April 25, 1989, in accordance with and under the authority granted by Section 31, of Chapter III of the Massachusetts General Laws, promulgated and adopted the following regulation:

Whereas, the United States Congress and the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) have approved the concept of deregulating heretofore radioactive waste to the status of non-radioactive waste "Below Regulatory Concern" (BRC);

Whereas, such deregulated radioactive waste will go to land-fills, sewers, incinerators and any other facilities for solid, liquid or hazardous waste, which are neither designed nor intended to take radioactive waste;

Whereas, deregulated radioactive materials could be recycled and contaminate raw materials and consumer products;

Whereas, it has been estimated that more than 30% of the volume of what is currently considered "low level" radioactive waste could be deregulated by the U.S.N.R.C.;

Whereas, evidence is growing that exposure to low-levels of ionizing radiation have greater negative health effects than previously assumed by national and international agencies;

Whereas, radiation and chemicals have synergistic effects on the environment and human health and such exposures to both may result from deregulation of nuclear waste;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Haverhill, Massachusetts, Board of Health, prohibits the acceptance of radioactive waste, deregulated or otherwise, at any landfill, incinerator, or hazardous waste facility within the city boundaries.