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PERSPECTIVES ON HOW EPA DECISION MAKERS ARE PRESENTED  
WITH RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION IN CONTEXT WITH OTHER  
INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE RISK MANAGEMENT DECISIONS

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- The Clean Air Act amendments of 1977 required EPA to decide, within two years, whether radionuclides should be regulated under the act.
- In November 1979, EPA listed radionuclides as hazardous air pollutants under Section 112 triggering a requirement to act within 180 days.
- In 1981, the Sierra Club sued EPA for failing to meet the deadline.
- On September 30, 1982, the Court ordered EPA to propose standards by March 29, 1983.

### LOGISTICAL AND STAFFING BACKGROUND

- After the 1977 amendments EPA assigned staff to work on the radionuclides issue.
- In FY 1982, EPA was cut about 25 positions and \$2 million from the effort – virtually bringing it to a standstill.
- Work began to resume on the project around the time of the court decision.

