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- > NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
- > Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff
- > US NRC
- > Washington, DC 20555
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- > Dear Chairman:
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- > The following opinion piece in the Atlanta Journal
- >Constitution says it all. I am asking you to veto the idea of the NRC
- >selling radioactive metals to the scrap metal industry. Did none of you
- >read the headlines a few years back about thousands of hazardous-material
- >contaminated sites being "cleaned up?" The dirt from those sites ended up
- >in the hands of unscrupulous haulers who used them as landfill for
- >children's playgrounds, etc. This didn't become apparent until larger than
- >would be expected numbers of children living in those areas were diagnosed
- >with leukemia and other cancers.
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- > Did none of you read the headlines about the needles and
- >syringes and other human waste from hospitals ending up on the beaches of
- >New York and other locations? How could those things have happen?
- >Independent waste haulers who didn't care what happened after they dumped
- >their loads.
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- > Even if you plan for provisions about how these materials
- >are recycled and what items are permissible, you know there is no way to
- >adequately monitor for compliance. Why would the scrap metal industry
- >police itself any better than the waste haulers did?
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- > I hope there is a provision in our laws to form a class
- >action suit against the NRC if it goes ahead with this plan. However, the
- >money won't nearly pay for the nightmares that will stem from radioactive
- >cookware, plumbing, concrete, children's toys and who knows what else.
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- > I understand and appreciate the dilemma you're facing.
- >Please ask the American people to help you find another solution.
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- > Sincerely,
- > Lyn D. Scott
- > Atlanta, GA
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