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I am alarmed and outraged that any United States government official would perpetrate the health and safety hazard posed by radioactive metal being recycled and exposed to innocent people and to our environment. You "experts" at the NRC, with your supposed training in science, have you decided to brainwash yourselves into believing that the Petkau Effect does not apply to human flesh? And are you equally dedicated to deceiving the public that there is no danger from recycling radioactive metal into items we are routinely, daily, exposed to? The evidence is clear to me that you want to poison people with radiation and I am exercising my democratic right to say SHAME ON YOU; YOU SHOULD RESIGN FROM YOUR JOBS FOR THE CRIME OF VIOLATING THE PUBLIC TRUST. QUIT BEING THE HANDMAID OF THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND OF THE COVER-YOUR-ASS SHIRKERS IN THE MILITARY.

However, since you also seem to be devoid of common human decency and to be without a proper sense of shame, I assume you are impervious to scolding. Therefore, I will go on to say precisely what I would expect "experts" with better scientific brains and environmental morals should be doing for their fellow Americans. Simply put, protect us from all radioactive metals and their releases. I don't want that stuff getting near me, or you, for that matter, since cancer treatments are expensive, unpleasant, and not even cheats like you deserve an early grave caused by avoidable radiation exposure. To spell it out in a more detailed fashion:

I require that the U.S. totally prohibit radioactive releases in the U.S. and that radioactive metals not be sent outside our borders. We are obliged to deal with our own waste and scrap right here.

Don't piddle around and waste taxpayers' money in an attempt to set a safe level of radiation in metal. I refer you to the NRC Event Number 34335, of June 3, 1998, in Arlington, Virginia. Since those radioactive cooking pots were not acceptable aboard a Navy vessel, they are not safe enough to come near me or my loved ones. Nor is the metal in those pots safe to be recycled into any other product.

I want somebody who is reliable and accountable to the American public to research past and present releases, then report the findings. This should include going all the way back to the 1940s. Using that information, a trustworthy agency should recapture all of the already-released wastes and materials. The above-mentioned incident of the cobalt-contanminated pots was not an open book to me, a concerned citizen. I was told by the EPA "expert" that the Navy did not have to reveal to me, or to him, what it did with those pots. Full disclosure should be the law and the military should not be exempt.

I hope and pray for the day when all radioactive substances made by humans are safely isolated.

May God bless you with forgiveness and an improved sense of responsibility,

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