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To US NRC Rulemaking and Adjudication: The following is a letter mailed on Dec.22, 1999 by Don't Waste Connecticut, a New Haven-based environmental organization. Because of our concern that the Christmas rush may delay the mailed letter, I am copying it by email today, Dec.23. Our response to proposed rule 64 FR 35090 includes our objection to the short time allowed for public comment. We are calling for a considerable extension of that time since the decision will affect the people of the U.S. and those of countries to whom contaminated products may be shipped and sold. These people deserve to be informed of the proposal and given sufficient time to respond.

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Don't Waste Connecticut (DWC) comments on proposed Rule 64 FR 35090 6/30/99,

DWC, agrassroots New Haven Ct-based environmental group submits the following with respect to the proposal to release of radioactive material into general commerce for recycling into consumer products and building products. Current releases should cease immediately and no further releases should be permitted. Programs should be initiated that will recapture and account for any material which has already been released.

There is no justification, other than to reduce the financial burden to the nuclear industry, for the additional unrestricted radiation exposures. Over fifty years of radioactive releases from nuclear power and nuclear weapons has already affected the health of the population and will continue to do so, and it is unconscionable that further contamination of the biosphere should be allowed. The question of synergy with existing pollution, both radioactive and non-radioactive, needs to be addressed. As has been documented by Gofman, et al, there is no safe level of exposure to ionizing radiation. To expose living things, not only in the USA but throughout the world, to increased radiation exposures with its potential to further damage the genetic pool borders on the criminal and in no way can be justified other than to profit the industry.

DWC opposes the opening of the floodgates of radioactive contamination that will result in multipl unregulated exposures to a population that includes the most vulnerable such as fetuses, the poor lacking proper health care and nutrition, those with compomised immune systems and the very young and the elderly. Peter Bowman and Mitzi Bowman, Coordinators, DWC.

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