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Secretary  
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Dear Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff:

As a concerned citizen, I am strongly opposed to the proposal to dispose of radioactive waste by recycling it into consumer materials. Untold numbers of people would be exposed to harmful radiation through ordinary household products. No intelligent citizen would openly purchase such products, knowing they were "made with radioactive scrape waste."

What do we have to do to assure that proper attention is paid to this very real public health issue? Why should ordinary citizens, children and the elderly have to suffer and perhaps die before our government puts public health at a higher priority level than profits from businesses and industry? No dose of radiation is acceptable. Physicians currently advise us to all avoid unnecessary radiation from any source.

Bury the radioactive waste in New Mexico or other approved sites. Don't expose U.S. citizens to hazardous wastes, waste billions of federal money in fending off the class-action lawsuits which would follow, and then try to apologize to the American public. We've already had enough despicable behavior from bureaucrats. Please deal with this problem in a public manner, so citizens are fully informed. Our health is important for future generations.

Yours truly,

*Mary & Robert Nofsinger*  
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