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Dear NRC Administration,

I am greatly alarmed to learn that the DOE has for some time been secretly recycling radioactive waste metals and concrete into unlabeled consumer products. 10,000 tons of radioactive metals were recycled into unmarked products in 1996 alone. Currently the DOE is in the process of recycling 100,000 tons of radioactive waste, while the nuclear industry is waiting in line with its own 1,500,000 tons of contaminated metal.

We the public, target and victim of this most dangerous of scams, were not and are not and will not be able to vote for our own families' health in this matter. All the recycling is done anonymously—from the DOE to the store shelf. We can choose to avoid products with saturated fat, but not those with radioactivity. Baby strollers, frying pans, braces for our teeth, building materials—every metal or partly metal product must be suspect.

This is an intolerable situation. How are we ever to trust a government whose own agencies, ostensibly set up to regulate commerce in order to protect the public, connive to turn a profit by forcing an unknowing public to pay again, perhaps with their health and lives, for nuclear power, this time for its garbage?

I ask the NRC to stop this criminal project now. Whatever industry scientists are paid to say, there is no safe level of radiation. How dare the government determine an "acceptable risk" for anyone other than themselves? Profit is not an excuse for the clandestine manufacture and sale of radioactive products.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Miller

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