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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Secretary,

I am greatly alarmed to learn that the NRC has been granting permission to the DOE for the recycling of radioactive waste metals and concrete into consumer products. I understand that the re-use of these hazardous materials for consumer products has been going on for some time--that 10,000 tons of radioactive metals were recycled into unlabeled products in 1996 alone--and that this has been done without public knowledge. All the recycling is done anonymously--from the DOE to the store shelf. The American public can choose to avoid products with saturated fat, but not those with radioactivity. Baby strollers, frying pans, braces for our teeth, building materials--every 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 understand that the DOE is currently in the process of recycling 100,000 tons of radioactive waste, and that the nuclear industry is waiting in line with 1,500,000 tons of contaminated metal. You must 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,

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