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I have learned through Ralph Nader's Public Citizen News, issue November/December 1999, that radioactive metal is Now being sold by the Department of Energy to scrap metal dealers. The D.O.E. has 1.4 million tons of contaminated metals that it hopes to sell off. Your Nuclear Regulatory Commission has asked the public for it's opinion on the level of radioactivity we want to accept. We are not nuclear scientists, but simple observation at the dentist office tells us something when the dental assistant leaves the room with us under a lead bib before taking an X-Ray. Therefore rather than to draw some regulations and administer funding for the government to monitor the D.O.E. which has already gone ahead with the sell of radioactive metals without the public's knowledge or approval, I urge the Commission to enforce a No Sell policy.

Most Sincerely,

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