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I am writing to express my concern about the NRC's and Dept. of Energy's practice of "recycling" nuclear waste and materials into products that expose consumers to the health risks of radiation. The NRC's attempts to "deregulate" radioactive ~~wastes~~ metals from weapons facilities and decommissioned nuclear power plants will result in 104,000 tons of radioactive metals being sold as "scrap metal" for use in items ranging from frying pans to baby carriages, buildings, fertilizers, roads and hundreds of everyday consumer products. In effect, the NRC is "solving" the problem of radioactive waste disposal from nuclear plants by declaring these hazardous wastes as "safe" for use in unlabeled consumer products, despite objections from scientists and the E.P.A. This will expose the public, without their knowledge, to additional radiation doses and the health hazards they pose, including birth defects and cancer.

The D.O.E. and the NRC should cancel all plans to allow any more releases of nuclear materials and wastes into the environment and recapture past releases. NRC should adopt the progressive regulations of other nations to protect the public and the environment, and set stricter standards for radiation exposures from air and water. It is unconscionable that the NRC should pawn off for profit these hazardous nuclear wastes by forcing them unlabeled in consumer products we all use. The release, "recycle", and use of nuclear wastes in household products

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