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Bill Richardson, Carol Browner, other leaders:

It has come to my attention that the nuclear industry has plans to recycle materials which may be radioactive. As I understand it, the Dept of Energy has agreed to stop allowing "recycling" of radioactive metals, but not necessarily other materials from nuclear plants which may be radioactive.

I can't believe anyone would even consider such a proposition. There is nothing environmentally friendly about radioactive materials of any kind. Please do not allow any materials from nuclear plants or nuclear weapons to come into contact with the public, no matter how small the ammount of radioactivity. Human health is nothing to take chances with! If you want to experiment with such a program, use those materials to furnish your own office, not in my fryingpan!

As I understand it, some such materials have already been recycled into consumer products. Is this true? How will you get it back? Did you allow this to happen with no labeling whatsoever? Did you think no one would notice? STOP NOW and FIX WHAT'S BEEN DONE.

Sincerely,

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