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I am writing to comment on the NRC draft "Human Interaction with Reused Soil", which is the basis of NRC attempts to allow release of radioactively contaminated soil from regulatory control, projected to give "acceptable doses" of radiation in soil reuse scenarios.

This is based on the faulty premise that there is an "acceptable" or "safe" dose of radiation in reused soil. Several studies over many years have shown increased cancer rates from low-level radiation. and the cumulative effect of radiation is not considered when measuring radiation, which can come from several sources over a persons lifetime.

This NRC effort to reuse radioactive soil is really an attempt to "solve" the problem of radioactive waste cleanup by foisting it on the public in reusing contaminated soil and materials from nuclear plants. This is an unconscionable threat to public health and the safety of our air, water, and food supply.

The NRC should not release or "recycle" radioactive soils in anyway; they should be isolated from the public and the environment.

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