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comments on NUREG-1725

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Comments on Draft NUREG-1725 Human Interaction With Reused Soil: "A Literature Search"

We are adamantly opposed to the release of low level radioactive material from regulatory standards. The goal should be to isolate radioactive materials and prevent exposures, not to deliberately expose people by allowing radioactive materials into regular daily commerce. All contaminated material from nuclear power plants and the entire fuel chain should be treated as a waste and isolated from the environment.

The American people will no longer tolerate being treated as "guinea pigs" by the nuclear industry. We believe it to be criminal act to knowingly and intentionally expose men, women, and children to radioactive, contaminated materials. Many individuals have suffered at the hands of those who have deliberately exposed them to radioactive substances. What the NRC is proposing to do by allowing radioactive soils and other materials in daily commerce is no different.

The NRC knows that there is no safe threshold for radiation. The NRC knows that no amount of radiation is safe for human beings. Therefore, for the NRC to allow low radioactive material to be introduced into our environment where anyone can be exposed by the simple act of gardening or going to a playgroung is absolutely unacceptable and perhaps, criminal.

The NRC is mandated to protect the public health and safety. Releasing low level radioactive waste for private and public use can do nothing but harm public health and safety.

Sincerely,

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