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Dear Mr. David Meyer,

I want to comment on the Draft NUREG-1725 "Human Interaction With Reused Soil: A Literature Search." The efforts to "characterize soil reuse scenarios" so that radioactively contaminated soils can be released for various uses depending on what might be "ACCEPTABLE" doses for the various uses is just unreal and unbelievable! How can a body like the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which people believe is there to protect the public and the environment from exposure to radiation, even give serious thought to such a proposal?

We believe that **there are NO "realistic reuse scenarios"**. Cancer is epidemic! The fact that we have already polluted our environment so that many people and animals are suffering as a result, does not make it all right to knowingly add to either the pollution or the suffering. You can't tell from your models how many people and other life forms will be exposed to radioactivity; you can't tell the size or the frequency of doses. Who is going to monitor that? And you think you will be off the "hook".

**Please do not RELEASE from regulatory control any contaminated soil. Do NOT RECYCLE any SOIL that is contaminated in any way with Radioactivity. There is no such thing as a HARMLESS dose of radiation!** And mostly, people would not even know they are being exposed! In the name of common sense and moral decency, please listen to us! Everyone I've talked to about this is outraged! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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