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I am submitting comments to you on behalf of The Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE), in regards to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's proposal to deregulate control of radioactive waste materials.

We are strongly opposed to this proposition, as it is common knowledge that nuclear waste poisons the environment, harms wildlife, and increases the public's risk of developing cancer and other diseases. It is irresponsible and downright dangerous to allow radioactive soils to be "recycled" by integrating them into daily commerce.

We insist that radioactive waste NOT BE RELEASED or recycled in any way. Alternatively, radioactive soil needs to be completely isolated from the environment and the public.

Sincerely,

Alice Slater President

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