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RE: TRR-1
DONT
Exempt
Radioactive
Waste from
Transport
Regulations!

Secretary
Attention: Rulemaking & Adjudications Staff
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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To: **US NRC** Re: Proposed changes to 10 CFR 71 Nuclear Transport Regs.

Don't open the door to radioactive waste being used to make household items, raw materials and products with which we come into daily contact.

Reject the proposed Exemption Tables. Reject the redefinition of "radioactive materials" that incorporates the values in the Exemption Tables. If the Exempt Concentration Table is accepted, despite my opposition, adopt only values that are more protective. Do not exempt consignments (packages or loads) of radioactive materials from transport regulation based on the total amount of radioactivity.

Help stop nuclear materials from getting lost or deliberately dispersed into the general marketplace. Keep track of all radioactive shipments—keep them regulated and labeled. Transport workers, emergency responders and the public have the right to know, even at low-levels, if shipments are radioactive. "Harmonization" does not justify increased risk.

Thank you, Christina Elvason
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