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Dear Regulators:

I understand that the NRC is considering recycling radioactive waste into steel consumer products (ie: bikes, I-beams, frying pans) as recommended by the Assn. of Radioactive Metal Recyclers by reclassifying this dangerous waste another instance of reducing costs and responsibility for the nuclear industry while greatly increasing risks of serious health problems to citizens. If this passes, we will be exposed unknowingly to numerous low-level doses of radioactivity. We know that any exposure increases our risks of cancer. Rather than continuing down this dangerous nuclear path, we should make the industry pay for safe storage of this waste and bear all responsibility for problems & accidents (eliminating the Price-Anderson Act which puts the burden & costs on our taxpayers). Nuclear plants & their radioactive products are much too dangerous to continue to manufacture. We

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be closing them and make those who have profited pay for safe storage of spent fuels. We need to move to safer alternatives. These nuclear plants are too easy targets for terrorists and too likely to have an accident as they age and are not "decommissioned" as originally planned. It's time to look honestly at the real risks and costs. Nuclear power is much too dangerous. We need to move on to safer, cleaner, & less costly alternatives like, solar, wind & fuel cell energy. These aging nuclear plants are just accidents waiting to happen and there really is no way to safely dispose of the waste. It's time to close these plants!

Sincerely,
Pat Long