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> Under absolutely no conditions should nuclear waste with detectable radioactivity be deregulated and allowed into general commerce. Therefore, the current scoping process, which offers for serious consideration several alternatives that would allow such a dispersal of radioactive waste, is an affront not only to human health and ecological integrity, but also to the duty of the NRC.

> The NRC's mission to "ensure adequate protection of public health and safety" can only upheld by establishing permanent policy wherein all radioactive material waste is restricted from general commerce and required to be disposed of in an NRC- or Agreement State-licensed low-level waste disposal site, best articulated as "Alternative 5" in the notice published in the Federal Register on February 28, 2003.

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Thank you for your kind attention.

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