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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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Dear Secretary:

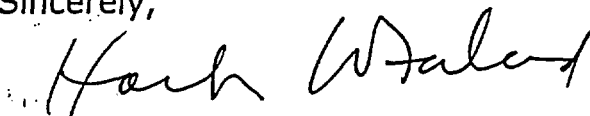
I am horrified to find out that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission wants to recycle radioactive waste. I am writing to urge you to permanently end this outrageous practice!

On February 28, 2003, you, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a notice in the Federal Register (68 FR 40: 9595-9602) calling for stakeholder comments on the proper scope of its proposed rulemaking on "controlling the disposition of solid materials."

I am not fooled: "control" has nothing to do with what you are planning. It's about deregulating nuclear wastes. This is the primary rulemaking to determine whether or how NRC-licensed facilities (i.e., commercial nuclear power reactors) can incinerate, "release," "reuse," or "recycle" many forms of nuclear wastes-metal, concrete, soil, plastics, chemicals, etc.-thus allowing them to end up in our local landfill, incinerator, or even in common products that we find on our local store shelves!

Please, I urge you to PROTECT the public by requiring the ISOLATION and proper disposal of all radioactive waste!

Sincerely,



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