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Dear NRC,

I am writing regarding your proposed rule to deregulate the release into commerce of radioactive materials from contaminated nuclear sites. Exposures of ionizing radiation are cumulative, and there are no safe doses.

Instead of releasing more of this material, the NRC should write strong rules to protect the public by insisting that all nuclear wastes be isolated from the public and the environment. I call on you to prohibit any further release of these materials and implement a tracking program paid for by the nuclear industry and the government (both of whom generated the waste to begin with) to recover what is already out there.

Already one in three Americans will get cancer at some time in their lives. Why would you further increase that likelihood? Nuclear waste should be the responsibility of those who generate it, not unsuspecting members of the public.

Sincerely,
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