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To the NRC,

I'm greatly concerned you your agency's plan to license the release of radioactive materials into household and commercial materials. I believe nuclear waste should be separately from common waste, and held in licensed radioactive waste storage facilities.

However, I object to the use of places like Yucca Mountain, and WIPP, to store this waste. Burying it above ground in serviceable, safe containers is a much better solution.

I support NIRS, and its recommendations that the NRC should also:

To focus the rulemaking on better ISOLATING nuclear waste from the public and the environment rather than dispersing deliberately;

To PROHIBIT the RELEASE of radioactive wastes and materials from nuclear power and weapons into the marketplace for unrestricted or conditional uses;

To prevent additional radiation exposures rather than "justifying" them with computer codes and dose modeling created by nuclear advocates. We oppose "dose-based" or "risk-based" standards.

To not accept any dose limit above naturally occurring background and voluntary exposures for our own personal benefit. Since there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation, we object to being exposed to it.

To stop poisoning us and the recycling industries with ANY level of radioactive contamination.

Sincerely,

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A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.
Martin Luther King, Jr

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