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Comments of Peter Bergel to NRC Regarding Release of Radioactive Waste

The task of the NRC is to protect the public from any possible harm that could affect the American people as a result of nuclear radiation.

It has now been clearly demonstrated that there IS NO SAFE DOSE OF RADIATION. Therefore the job of the NRC should be to ensure that radioactive materials are kept from contact with human beings to the greatest extent possible, now and in the future.

A policy of releasing radioactive materials into the environment in an unregulated manner is totally inconsistent with this responsibility and with basic good sense.

I ask in the strongest possible terms that the NRC review all policies that permit the unregulated release of radioactive materials into the environment and adopt the most stringent controls on these materials. Although this policy will be inconvenient to the nuclear industry and to all those who benefit from the use of nuclear materials, no less robust policy will satisfactorily discharge the NRC's obligation to protect the wellbeing of both current and future generations of Americans.

Sincerely,

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