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Dear Secretary,

I am contacting you about the matter of the NRC considering to allow some radioactive waste to be used for various commercial uses. I am unwilling to accept any level of use or exposure for radioactive materials other than their original purpose such as medical uses.

I do not want myself or my family to be exposed to any radiation other than that which is naturally occurring or that which we voluntarily choose to expose ourselves to.

Do not allow these changes to happen!

Sincerely,  
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Since there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation, we accept NO dose above naturally occurring background and voluntary exposures for our own personal benefit.

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

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is one several US government agencies pushing for nuclear waste to be dispersed, unregulated, into everyday commerce.

**NRC IS NOW SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE USES and DISPOSITION of NUCLEAR WASTE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL ACCEPT and THE DOSE LEVELS THE PUBLIC WILL ACCEPT FROM DEREGULATED NUCLEAR WASTES.**

[The US Department of Energy (DOE) is allowing some radioactive materials out as if not radioactive but has a moratorium on letting some radioactive metals out. DOE is in the process (drafting an environmental impact statement) of reversing or codifying the ban but seems to be waiting for NRC to act. NRC's rule will affect how much DOE waste gets out through licensed processors.]

\*\*\*NOW (until June 30) is your chance to TELL THE NRC how much nuclear power and weapons waste YOU want in unrestricted or 'restricted' commercial daily use! And in your local landfills as if it were normal trash or at hazardous waste sites not designed to take radioactive materials.

Sierra Club is suggesting a 6th choice-- they are asking NRC to report on and recapture all the nuclear wastes they have already deregulated over the years, since they claim no harm has come from it.

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NIRS is telling NRC to

- \* Focus the rulemaking on better ISOLATING nuclear waste from the public and the environment rather than dispersing deliberately;
- \* PROHIBIT RELEASE of radioactive wastes and materials from nuclear power and weapons into the marketplace for unrestricted or conditional uses;
- \* 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.
- \* Since there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation, we accept NO dose above naturally occurring background and voluntary exposures for our own personal benefit.
- \* Stop poisoning us and the recycling industries with ANY level of radioactive contamination from nuclear power and weapons fuel chain activities.