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Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

Re: Comments on "Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials" (10 CFR Part 20)

Dear Secretary:

The scope of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) proposed "rulemaking on controlling the disposition of solid materials" should be greatly limited to only those regulatory options which would strictly prohibit the deregulation of any solid materials containing or contaminated with manmade radiation, and require that such materials be disposed of only in secure, licensed facilities that are designed to isolate such radioactive waste from humans and the environment.

Look at Joe Kahn's article in N>York Times article (6/17/03) on lung damage to Chinese workers, we know of other proof of CERTAIN NEGATIVE impacts on health from General Electric dumping in East Coast rivers back in the 1960's, Bopahl INDIA, Chernobyl - examples of MISMANAGEMENT. KNOWINGLY allowing dumping of toxic Chemicals can be controlled and failure of THIS ADMINISTRATION to do so is just that: FAILURE! Equal to TERRORISM. Under absolutely no conditions should nuclear waste be deregulated, dumped in unlicensed facilities that are not prepared to monitor for or contain radioactive waste, or allowed into general commerce.

The NRC's primary mission to "to protect public health and safety, and the environment from the effects of radiation from nuclear reactors, materials, and waste facilities" can only be upheld by, at a minimum, establishing permanent policy wherein all radioactive material waste is restricted from general commerce and required to be disposed of in an NRC- or Agreement State-licensed low-level waste disposal site, best articulated as "Alternative 5" in the notice published in the Federal Register on February 28, 2003.

Further regulations and protections should be implemented as needed to fulfill said mission in a serious and responsible manner.

Sincerely,

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