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To: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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As a US citizen, I'm writing to enter my concerns regarding NRC standards relating to how much nuclear power and weapons waste can be used in unrestricted or 'restricted' commercial daily use and landfills.

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The NRC only offers five options on how to deal with this waste, the least harmful of which is option 5) "send the waste licensed radioactive waste dumps." However, none of these options properly protect the public. We need much more stringent guidelines for dealing with nuclear waste. The NRC should:

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- \* 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. I oppose "dose-based" or "risk-based" standards.
- \* Since there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation, the NRC should accept NO dose above naturally occurring background and voluntary exposures for our own personal benefit.
- \* Stop poisoning the public and the recycling industries with ANY level of radioactive contamination from nuclear power and weapons fuel chain activities.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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