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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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Dear Secretary:

I have become aware that the NRC is considering new rules on "controlling the disposition of solid materials" and that "recycling" some radioactive materials into industrial and public areas or dumping them in landfills are under consideration.

I am dismayed that this process has not been better dispersed to the general public citizenry whom it affects.

Your mission to "ensure the protection of public health and safety" calls on you to keep all radioactive materials out of circulation and in NRC/AS LLW disposal facilities, the safest option we have, and really the only viable option. The costs of disposal should fall on the nuclear companies themselves.

The people of this country should not have the burden of radioactive materials on them, in any form. While we may benefit from the energy supplied by nuclear power, we pay for this energy in the form of our electric bills. This should be the only payment we make -- we should not pay with our health, the health of the earth or the health of future generations. Radioactive materials are too unpredictable for any entry into the public sphere.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Sincerely,



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