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Dear Regulators:

The ERRC document published in January of this year has compiled a convincing array of solid scientific evidence that low level radiation carries with it a health risk that is more than 100 times greater than that predicted by currently accepted radiation limits. With this data in hand, how can you people possibly suggest the purposeful release of ANY radioactive material into our general environment? If any of you have children, or plan to have children, think of the legacy your actions will have on their world and act with appropriate moral and ethical responsibility.

It is unconscionable that you would even consider unrestricted, ungoverned releases of radioactive waste of any kind into the general environment. It is your job to PROTECT the public, not expose it to additional radiation and the resultant risks to health. You must not bend to pressures from corporate, government (e.g. DoE and EPA) or military sources to reduce TOTAL CONTAINMENT of all sources of radioactivity under your control. All levels of radioactive waste must be ISOLATED from the public until their radioactive emissions are no longer detectable by the most sensitive instruments then available. Recycling and disposal in public landfills are NOT acceptable options for these materials if they possess ANY level of detectable radioactivity.

Furthermore, it is incumbent on your agency to recapture and properly dispose of radioactive materials previously released into public commerce and into public disposal sites. This includes complete site cleanup of all areas where depleted uranium has been manufactured, fabricated into weapons, and tested.

Sincerely,

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