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We are appalled and horrified at the thought that household items and building materials be made from nuclear waste. "Standards" to allow such "recycling" are obscene, regardless of the level of radioactivity in the waste. Such materials also should not be allowed in local landfills. There is absolutely no place for such substances in medical or dental devices, nor in agricultural soil, playgrounds, or pathways.

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The producers of nuclear waste MUST be responsible for it's proper and safe disposal, isolated from contact with the rest of the world. Moreover, such materials should continue to be highly regulated.

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We request that the NRC report on and recapture all the nuclear wastes that have already been deregulated over the years, given the claim that no harm has come from it. The NRC should:

- * 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.

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