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Let's get serious!!!! NO. NO. NO!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rutter, Jon
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-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Johnsrud [mailto:johnsrud@uplink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2003 10:50 AM
To: pennet@penweb.org
Subject: [PW] URGENT REMINDER: Please send comments to NRC by JUNE 30 on NRC proposal to recycle radwastes into consumer products!

Dear PEN Friends:

This is a reminder that comments are due to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by JUNE 30 on their "scoping" proposal for "Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials".

That's an inventive way of NOT telling you that the NRC proposes to:

-- No longer exercise any control (Instead, they plan to release and recycle the nuclear industries' materials and wastes into the "free market" for reuse in consumer products, roadbeds, contaminated soils and sludge that could be spread on agricultural fields.)

-- "Dispose" of wastes by deregulating them so that you and all of us will receive many "small" doses of radiation -- just to save money for the nuclear industry -- or by dumping radwastes into hazardous waste landfills or even municipal landfills (e.g., Pottstown landfill -- at a DEP-allowable 2 millirem

per hour, whereas NRC proposes to allow initially a dose limit of only 1 millirem per year)

-- Redefine radioactive materials and wastes as merely "solid materials" (by setting a standard that declares that radioactive materials aren't radioactive below their arbitrary annual dose limit of 1 millirem -- which no one will be able to calculate because the consumer products and other uses won't be monitored or labeled, so the recipient can't detect each of those "small" doses nor add up the total.

-- Use this method of deception both to cut nuclear industry cleanup costs and to open the way for more radioactive wastes from new nuclear power reactors and new nuclear weapons.

Note that even the Nuclear Energy Institute (lobbying arm) now opposes recycling into consumer products -- because of "public perception".

PLEASE: TELL THE NRC WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING LITTLE BITS OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES IN VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING YOU BUY AND USE.

Send paper copy comments (even say just "Don't do it!") to:

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

OR

Send comments via e-mail to:

<secy@nrc.gov>

But if you miss this deadline: Keep on sending your opinions during the summer and fall and into next year -- and urge others to do so, too. This Rulemaking is still at an early stage, and the NRC seems to be wavering. So also tell them that none of their "options" is acceptable. The ONLY safe way to manage radioactive materials and wastes is to stop generating them.

We've stopped this particular insanity several times in the past. If you'll help to spread the word for others to send comments, too, we can do it again.

Thank you for caring.
Judith Johnsrud

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