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Dear Secretary, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
and  
Ohio Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich:

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I am a resident of Kent, OH, deeply concerned about proposals being considered by the NRC regarding "disposal" of solid nuclear waste ("Notice of Rulemaking on Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials", Federal Register Feb. 28, 2003 [68 >FR 40: 9595-9602]). The NRC held a public hearing in Rockville last month to consider the release of radioactive solid waste into the American commercial market, for use in all manner of manufactured goods incorporating primarily metal and concrete, but also soil, glass, tools, asphalt, and even radioactive manufacturing sites.

Many times in the past, such rulemaking proposals have been brought to the table under pressure from government contractees hired to dispose of nuclear waste from energy production and weapons programs, and every time public outcry has thwarted these shortsighted efforts. In fact, the psuedoscientific evidence being used to support dispersement right now comes from an already discredited report produced by one such contractor, Science Applications International Corporation, which has since lost its contract with the federal government over allegations of corruption.

It is my opinion as a citizen that the NRC is acting on a bias towards dispersing nuclear waste into the commercial market, and has been acting on this bias for some twenty years now. This policy program is both against the greater interest and also expressed desire of United States citizens; and therefore I urge the NRC and my state Senators to uphold the obvious necessity of disposing of all radioactive materials in specially-designated nuclear waste disposal sites ONLY.

I ask Senators DeWine and Voinovich to review the upcoming regulations of the NRC with great caution and protect the interests of all American consumers by voting down any effort to introduce redioactive materials into the commercial market as a means of solid radioactive waste disposal.

Thank you,

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