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Dear NRC Secretary and Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff :

I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the dispersal of nuclear waste and contaminated materials into everyday commerce. As a citizen concerned with health and safety of my family, my community, the environment, and the entire world, I say NO! NO dose, no level of contamination should be deregulated and "recycled" in order to reduce the amount of waste requiring proper disposal. Nor should it be shipped to other nations. This waste should be sent to hazardous waste sites designed to limit the threat of contamination.

I understand that one of NRC's goals is to "reduce the regulatory burden on stakeholders", i.e. those who produce nuclear waste. In my opinion, those who create toxic substances that pose a threat to health and safety should be responsible for them.

My mother impressed upon me an important rule ~ to be responsible for myself and my messes; a good rule to follow in the course of being a good citizen. Why shouldn't the nuclear power, weapons, and technology industries be held to the same standard? If the waste is too expensive to clean up, then STOP allowing them to make MORE!

There is longstanding and clear scientific evidence that exposure to radioactive materials causes cancer and physiological dysfunction, not just in humans, but in our entire food chain. People in Hiroshima and Nagasaki are STILL being born with birth defects, decades after exposure. WHY? Because radioactivity is toxic.

Please do not allow this to continue. I do not want radioactively-contaminated waste in my environment. Please protect the public's health. It is unconscionable to think of doing otherwise.

Very sincerely,

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