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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to register my concern and strong opposition to any action that will result in increased exposure of the public to radiation. Specifically, I am opposed to the proposals in the "scoping" document for: "recycling" radwastes into consumer products; redefining radioactive materials and wastes as "solid materials", by lowering dose limit standards, or any other weakening of regulatory standards or controls; and to the entire concept of abrogating NRC regulatory responsibility for protection of public health.

I have been involved in the issue of rational utilization of nuclear technology for some 45 years, and in that time, have watched with dismay as the AEC and the NRC have continuously and irresponsibly ignored the warnings of "science" as to the grave risks involved, and have progressively moved from promoting nuclear energy for generating electricity to permitting the disposal of radioactive wastes in landfills and by incineration, and now to the totally insane proposals to allow the "free market" disposal of NUCLEAR WASTES in consumer products, contaminated soils and sludges that may be land-applied on farmland.

PLEASE HEED THESE WARNINGS!! THE ONLY SAFE WAY TO MANAGE RADIOACTIVE WASTES IS TO STOP GENERATING THEM!

Sincerely,

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