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**Subject:** Re: Initiatives - General Questions or Comments

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Ms. Nichols:

Your comments submitted on May 10, 1999, mentioned the absence of information on recycling on the Initiatives 1999 web site and expressed your concern about the possibility of consumer products being made from recycled radioactive metal.

The Initiatives 1999 web site was created to provide information on the specific issues discussed during the July 30, 1998, hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Clear Air and Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety. This site does not cover all issues being considered at the NRC.

I wish to thank you for providing your comments. One important component of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) regulatory process is providing an opportunity for citizens to express their opinions. We have an established process for soliciting comments on proposed rulemaking. Please visit the rulemaking process web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/RULES/process.html> for general process information and instructions for submitting comments for consideration and the rulemaking page at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. I have forwarded your comments to Mr. Frank Cardile of the Rulemaking and Guidance Branch in the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards who is currently working on the development of the proposed rule.

Sincerely,

Constance C. Schum

>>> Cynthia Nichols <cynthia@macsrule.com> 05/10 1:33 PM >>>  
Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Cynthia Nichols (cynthia@macsrule.com) on Monday, May 10, 1999 at 13:33:35

Affiliation: Teacher of children

Comments: I did not see an initiative on the recycling of radiation contaminated metals, yet I know you are proposing this possibility to Congress. I am very concerned that metals containing radiation are allowed to become consumer products. I hear that some of these metals are recycled to become bracelets, belt buckles, IUDs, even cookware!! You must know that is is not right, no matter how "low" the radiation level might be. You shouldn't even be asking Congress to look at the viability of this type of recycling. Aren't you supposed to be REGULATING the industry for the protection of people like me--instead of allowing the nuclear industry to cut corners, save money, even make money by reusing metals that are UNSAFE? Please protect the public from this idiocy.

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