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Dear Secretary,

I am certainly no expert on the safety of nuclear radiation. What little 'research' I have done indicates that the units of measure are a totally confusing mess, and do nothing to enable the public to make sense of the issue of nuclear radiation safety.

I am writing because there seems to be a move to weaken the safety standards based on a "hormesis" model of safety, vs. the LNT model. All I can say, is that valid science should be the basis of the decision.

That said, it appears that the loosening of the standards is being motivated by the nuclear industry. Knowing that industry cares first about the bottom line, and hardly at all about collateral damage, I suspect the standards should not be changed based on an industry motivated petition.

It also appears to me that each nuclear isotope has its own particular risks, and a fundamental problem of the standards is that they seem to lump all materials together. Why not have different limits for each isotope?

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