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I find it indescribably appalling that the NRC is being asked to relax standards for regulation of ionizing radiation doses to the public. Solid science for many years in no way supports the notion that even low doses of ionizing radiation are harmless, much less beneficial, as some erroneously suggest. Such a suggestion and the accompanying proposals before you represent quackery at its finest and should be categorically rejected by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. There is NO SAFE DOSE of ionizing radiation, and the public expects those who are in the position to protect us to understand and act on this truth on our behalf.

Dr. Richard Monson of Harvard's very reputable School of Public Health, who chaired the scientific community's most recent comprehensive review of radiation effects (BEIR VII), summed up the science on this matter quite well when he said, "The scientific research base shows that there is ***no threshold of exposure below which low levels of ionizing radiation can be demonstrated to be harmless or beneficial.***"

Instead of entertaining the idea of relaxing such standards, I urge you to protect the public more fully by making regulation of ionizing radiation more stringent than it currently is.

Sincerely,

Barbara Antonoplos

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