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Mr. Rennie Payne-Ayers  
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Dear Mr. Payne-Ayers:

We are pleased to respond to your letter in which you opposed the use of slightly radioactive scrap metal in a variety of consumer products, including cooking utensils. We appreciate your concerns and are pleased to discuss this matter with you.

It appears that the basis for your concern stems from either a notice that appeared in the October 27, 1980 edition of the Federal Register that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was proposing rule changes or newspaper accounts of that cited notice. Actually the Nuclear Regulatory Commission proposes to amend its specific licensing requirements that have the effect of inhibiting trade in metal scrap contaminated with small amounts of two radioactive materials. To provide you with more detailed information on this subject, we have enclosed pertinent pages of the cited Federal Register. There you will note that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has invited all interested persons to comment on this proposed rule change.

In view of the above, we are (by copy of this letter) forwarding your letter to the appropriate Nuclear Regulatory Commission official for his consideration.

Sincerely,

Earl J. Wahlquist, Acting Director  
Office of Resource Management  
and Planning  
Nuclear Waste Management Programs  
Office of Nuclear Energy

Enclosure

J. J. Henry, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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