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Dear Sir

This letter is to register my vigorous protest to the proposal
"for licensing requirement exemption for contaminated smelted alloys".
(NRC news release Vol 6, #38, 10/27/80)

UNTil now the licensing procedure for the transfer or use of metals
that have been contaminated by enriched uranium has protected the public
from radiation exposure. That is why it was written into the regulation
and that is why it should remain part of the process. Are we to allow
the mixing of these "recycled" metals into our daily lives in the form of,
"autos, appliances, furniture, utensils, personal items and coins" to
quote your news release.

Surely this has to represent the epitome of folly. Is there someone
in the NRC that is in the scrap metal business or is this the long
awaited solution to the problem of what to do with radioactive wastes,
simply recycle it across America. It should be noted that the by-products
of the enrichment process are all emitters of alpha, beta & gamma rays,
that have little respect for human body cells. Of course the news release
says there is no danger. Quote " the NRC has evaluated the distribution
of metals in a variety of products and has estimated less than one
health effect would result from the radiation received from recycled
enrichment plant scrap". What, in God's name is a health effect? Does it
represent an injury to a single individual, or perhaps radiation sickness
to a percentage of the population, or maybe the number of mutated infants
in a given area. The old AEC once described radioactive fallout as
" sunshine units", are health effect anything like sunshine units?

I sincerely hope that this proposal will be denied, and that instead
of relaxing the safeguards on the entire nuclear fuel cycle, the will
be made more stringent. Please, our safety and future generations are
in your hands.

Sincerely
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P.S. I wish to be informed as to the decision made in this case. Please
put me on your mailing list.

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Acknowledged by card... 12/2/80...

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