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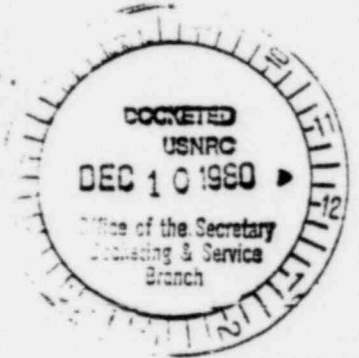
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Use of Radioactive Scrap Metal Seen

Tons of slightly radioactive scrap metal could be used in a variety of consumer products ranging from automobiles to frying pans under a proposal before the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. About 31,000 tons of scrap—consisting of iron, nickel, copper and aluminum—was

recovered from nuclear fuel producing plants and is stored at Department of Energy enrichment centers in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Paducah, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio. The NRC said a smelter for the program could be built at Oak Ridge for \$6.5 million and could be in operation by 1981.



RECENT NEWS PUBLICATIONS, SUCH AS THE ABOVE, INDICATE THAT YOU, THE N.R.C. IS CONDONING AND ADVOCATING THE RECYCLING OF LOW LEVEL RADIO-ACTIVE WASTE METALS INTO THE CONSUMER MARKET. IT IS MY STRONG CONCERN AND THAT OF MANY OTHERS AS WELL, THAT THIS IS A RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD ACTION ON YOUR PART, AND FAR FROM THE BETTER INTEREST, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION. I WILL CONSIDER THIS MOVE A SEVERE CRIME AGAINST ALL PEOPLES. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE N.R.C. WAS FORMULATED TO PROTECT THE POPULATION AGAINST NUCLEAR HAZARDS. I FEEL THAT ANY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION WHICH ACTS WITH SUCH ELATENT DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN SUCH A CRUDE, UNCONCERNED AND IRRATIONAL MANNER, MUST BE SERIOUSLY RE-EVALUATED WHEN IT GOES AGAINST THE VERY PRINCIPALS FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED. RADIATION IS NOT TO BE FOOLED WITH ON ANY LEVEL. I URGE YOU TO STOP THIS INSANITY AT ONCE!

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