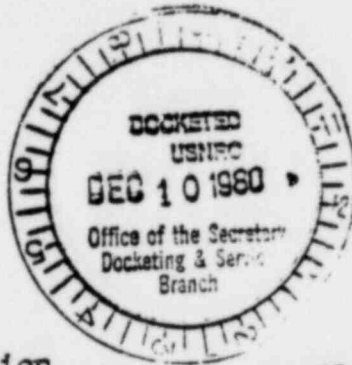


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ATTN: Docketing and Service Branch

It has come to my attention that you have published in the Federal Register a proposal to "bury" large quantities of contaminated scrap metal through regular commercial channels. This appears ill advised, and I object to this potential danger to vast numbers of unconsenting ordinary citizens.

My information is that there would be a net benefit of some \$40,000,000 from the sale of this contaminated scrap. When we consider the huge health expenses of the population, due to cancers which may well be radiation caused, this could well be a transfer of relatively small expense from the NRC to a great number of private individuals. With the continuing cry for a national health insurance system, the net effect on the U.S. Treasury could be catastrophic.

As the long range health effects of low level radioactive contamination has not been determined, any action such as this, which is irreversible and could cause irremediable health defects to millions is simply an unwarranted risk.

Please reconsider the amendments detailed in your release of October 27, 1980. It just isn't worth it!

Please put me on the mailing list for future NRC news announcements.

Your response to my concerns, expressed above, would be greatly appreciated.

Cordially

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