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To Whom it may Concern:

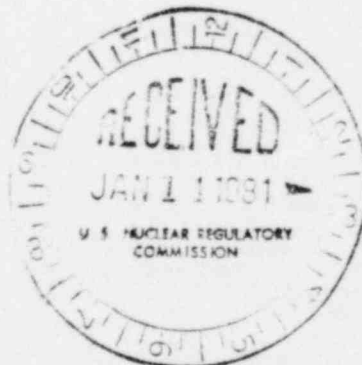
I have recently become aware of a proposed NRC regulation change which would allow contaminated scrap metal to be recycled uncontrolled into the scrap metal market. It is baffling to me how these metals, which have long been regarded as dangerous enough to be regulated, are abruptly labeled benign. Since the early part of this century when X-rays were first used in medicine the trend has relentlessly been towards term low level radiation a greater health hazard than what was previously thought to be the case. What was considered a safe dose of radiation in 1950 is now regarded as dangerous. Certainly the NRC has done nothing in its coopted history to demonstrate that it can infallibly predict the health effects to any given radiation exposure. If the frames of infants cribs are constructed from contaminated scrap who is to say what that level exposure may result in? Or is that what you predict to be the sole health effect of this nuclear bonanza?

There is no evidence that any level of radiation exposure, including natural background radiation, is safe. Therefore, a humane society will seek to minimize exposure and never to increase, regardless of the minimal health risks and huge savings. No doubt the health risks will not be taken by those who have the most to gain.

Count me absolutely opposed to this callous, immoral scheme of yours.

Sincerely,

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