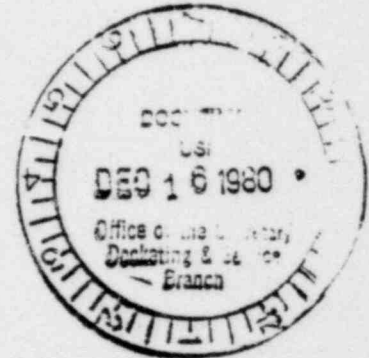


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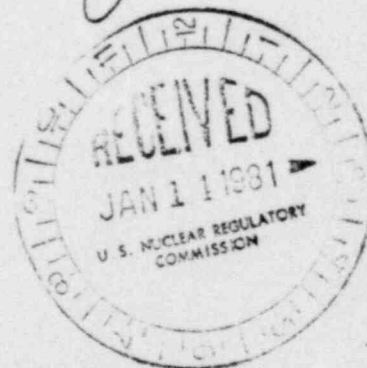
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Dear Secretary of the Commission:

I have just been made aware of the proposal for the licensing requirement exemption for contaminated smelted alloys which was published in the Federal Register dated October 27, 1980. My reaction is- are you people crazy? I can't believe that an agency which has been set up to protect the public would so blatantly endanger our lives and those of generations to come by allowing radioactive wastes to be made into personal items. It's bad enough to bury these wastes in the ground, much less to make them into consumer products. More and more evidence is accruing regarding the adverse health effects resulting from chronic exposure to low level radiation. Why do we have to be the guinea pigs so that "radioactive burial costs would be avoided"? Did you ever stop to think there wouldn't be a radioactive waste disposal problem if there were no nuclear reactors or weapons? Instead of dealing with the energy crisis by putting radioactive band-aids on it, why don't we deal with the cause-poor utilization of our energy resources? Don't compound the problem by exposing us to more radiation so that we have to deal with the problem of genetic mutations and cancers later on. De-regulation of technetium-99 and low-enriched uranium is no solution to the problem.

Sincerely,

*James B. Barnett*



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