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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Sir:

We are writing to most vigorously protest any change in Parts 30, 32, 70 and 150 of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations which would allow unrestricted recycling of scrap metal from enrichment plants, metal contaminated by low-level radiation, to be returned to the marketplace.

We understand that it is being proposed that metals which have a low-level contamination be recycled into such items of every day use as coins, aluminum containers and cooking utensils. Such use should be absolutely unthinkable and we can scarcely believe that anyone would contemplate foisting this scrap metal off on an unsuspecting public.

Regulations should be made and upheld to protect the public from even the slightest possibility of contamination from all sources, but particularly from radiation waste. No one can possibly say with any certainty at the present time how many people have been severely adversely affected by illegal or unwise disposal of hazardous waste already, as often it takes years for results to become obvious. The need now is to prevent any further erosion of the nation's health.

We sincerely request that such unrestricted recycling of even low-contaminated metals not be allowed.

Sincerely yours,

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cc. Senators Baker and Sasser
Congressman Boner

Dear Jim,
do you know about what
proposal? What are chances of
stopping it?
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