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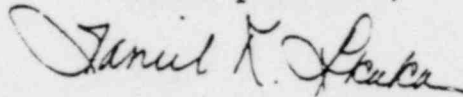
Dear Mr. Kammerer:

I recently noticed an article in The Wall Street Journal regarding NRC's consideration of a proposal to allow the sale of metals that have been contaminated at federal nuclear-fuel processing plants. A copy of the article is enclosed for your information.

It is difficult to believe that the NRC is actually considering this proposal seriously! This proposal seems like a dangerous way to get rid of nuclear waste.

I hope the article is vastly overstating the proposal. I further hope that the NRC is not seriously considering the idea. Please let me hear from you.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Radioactive rodent droppings have been found in the basement of an uncontrolled and service building at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant, site of the nation's worst commercial nuclear accident, officials say.

Douglas Bedell, a spokesman for the operator of the plant near Harrisburg, Pa., says the droppings create only a "very low possibility" of danger to the public, livestock or the area's food cycle.

"There is no possibility of radiation exposure from a rodent bite," said Bedell, a spokesman for General Public Utilities Nuclear, formerly Metropolitan Edison Co.

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## Want Skillets That Contain Atomic Waste?

By JOHN R. ENSHWILLER

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The government would like to get rid of some radioactive waste by turning it over to the public. But the public hardly seems enthusiastic about the idea.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an Energy Department proposal to permit the sale of metals that have been contaminated at federal nuclear-fuel processing plants. Once sold, the steel, copper, nickel and other metals could be used for nearly anything. The NRC suggests the metals might be used in automobiles, frying pans, jewelry, surgical pins and dietary supplements, such as iron tonic.

NRC officials say the move doesn't pose a health hazard because the radiation involved is extremely small. But some people

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aren't happy about the idea that their next frying pan might be a little hot even before it reaches the stove. The commission has already received about 3,300 written comments on the plan — an agency record. Nearly all express opposition, often vehemently.

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