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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn. Docketing & Service Branch
1717 B Street NW
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Commission Members:

I do not approve of the proposed rule that states the allowable radiation exposure from decommissioned nuclear power plant sites for the next 50 years or more.

I understand that the NRC staff had proposed a "goal" of three mREM/YR for residual radiation. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 4 mREM/YR can cause a lifetime cancer rate of one in 10,000. I understand that following the nuclear industry lobbying, the recommendation became 15 mREM/YR with a ridiculously high 100 mREM/YR permissible if sites would not be designated for "unrestricted use."

This shows an incredible disregard for your primary obligation to protect public health and safety. What about all the other radiation exposures, including those from mine tailings, milling, and transport for military and civilian use operating nuclear power plants, power plant accidents, background radiation, radon medical exposures, other civilian and military uses, and many others, even if one has no exposure to waste. No waste can safely be deregulated or considered "Below Regulatory Concern."

Please see that at every site a citizen advisory committee, which is completely independent of the licensee, oversee cleanup and compliance, and have access to all official documents.

Sincerely,
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