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Radiation protection requirements"

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We find it hard to believe that, in the face of evidence available to the NRC regarding the demonstrated health risks from low level radiation, the Commission is now moving to increase by more than ten times the amount of radioactivity your current standards allow people to absorb.

We are amazed that you consider taking such a step, which affects the health of radiation workers and all citizens, without a Public Hearing and without Environmental impact statements.

The direct link between radioactivity in any amount and cancer has been established by a great number of independent specialists in radioactivity over the last 25-30 years. Their views have

recently been articulated in meetings
 with NRC officials by Dr Karl Morgan,
 a former director of ^{the} Health Physics Division
 at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, who states:
 "Today we know that the risk of radiation-
 induced cancer is more than ten times
 what we believed it to be in 1957."

We ask: How can the NRC,
 whose job it is to protect the health
 and safety of the public, in good
 conscience be moving to have per-
 missible levels of radiation exposure
 increased (more than ten times)
 rather than decreased when a con-
 sensus of independent specialists in
 radioactivity states that the risk of
 radiation-induced cancer today is
 more than ten times what it was
 believed to be at the time when
 your current standards were adopted?

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Fred. Mohr

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