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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

Greetings,

This is to urge you not to amend regulations exempting from licensing and regulatory requirements any person who receives, possesses, uses or transfers technetium-99 or low-enriched uranium as residual contamination in any smelted alloy or in any material into which such smelted alloy or its constituents may have been converted.

The long range health effects of low-level radioactive waste have not yet been determined. Because many radioactive contaminants remain poisonous for an inordinately long period of time, daily exposure of consumers to contaminated products is an unwarranted risk.

Please reconsider the amendments detailed in your news release of October 27, 1980. I object to endangering the health and safety of present and future generations just for the sake of increased production.

Please put me on the mailing list for future NRC news announcements.

Your response to my concern would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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