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Subject: [External_Sender] NRC 2018-0300 No to Expanding Categorical Exclusions
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Dear NRC Commissioner NRC Commissioners and Staff,

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I strongly oppose NRC's proposed expansion of Categorical Exclusions (published 5-7-2021).

The proposed exclusions would allow the Commission to avoid legitimate public debate on more than a dozen important and controversial issues surrounding the safety and economics of the nuclear power fuel chain.

I do NOT want radioactive waste of any level released from regulatory control in order to be treated as ordinary trash or commercial recycling material.

I do NOT want "hot" nuclear waste to go to "low-level" waste sites.

I DO want continued and increased surveillance of closed uranium mills.

I WANT the NRC to consider more, not less, independent public input on the design of storage and transport casks.

I WANT the NRC to consider more input, not less, on plans for decommissioning plants and for funding assurance requirements for reactors, uranium facilities and the proposed Consolidated "Interim" Storage facilities.

I DO NOT want the NRC to avoid environmental reviews by improperly reclassifying to an excluded category actions that actually have environmental consequences.

I DO NOT want the NRC to assume that the numerous exclusions listed in the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking have no effect on the environment or public safety.

The proposed expansion of categorical exclusions violates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NRC has not "provide(d) a reasoned explanation for the change(s)." Each change deserves its own environmental impact statement rather than an exemption.

I, therefore, strongly OPPOSE these categorical exclusions. Instead of increasing the number and type of exclusions, the NRC should reduce the exclusions already allowed.

Sincerely,

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