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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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Whyever would you want to expose Americans unnecessarily to the grave risks of nuclear?

Are YOU going to pay the medical bills, the funeral bills, and for the educations of kids whose parents die too soon?

Or will you pay the costs for kids who, themselves, have their health and even lives ruined by nuclear waste?

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

It appears NRC wants to avoid legitimate controversy and generically exclude further public input on over a dozen important and controversial impacts from the nuclear power fuel chain.

Being human, I do NOT want radioactive waste at any level released from nuclear control, to get into regular trash and commercial recycling, which could make everyday household items radioactive.

This proposal could do that, despite decades of public opposition to “below regulatory concern” (BRC), “very low-level waste” (VLLW), and other generic "exemptions" from 10 CFR 20.2002 regulations.

There is no/no "exemption" from Mother Nature.

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

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

I WANT more, not less, input on storage and transport cask designs.

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

I DO NOT/NOT want NRC to improperly reclassify actions which actually cause significant environmental consequences to avoid environmental review. That is sneaky and dishonest.

I DO NOT/NOT want NRC to assume there are no impacts from the numerous exclusions listed in the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking. Follow the science!

This proposal violates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

It probably also violates the Administrative Procedures Act.

NRC has not "provide(d) a reasoned explanation for the change(s)," and each of them deserves its own environmental impact statement, not an "exemption."

DO NOT/NOT expand categorical exclusions.

NRC must scrap this proposal and focus on reducing exclusions already allowed.

Sincerely,

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