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Dear NRC Commissioner NRC Commissioners and Staff,

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

It appears that 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.

This is dangerous and short-sighted.

To be clear, I do not want any level of radioactive waste released from nuclear control that could get into regular trash and commercial recycling, which could make everyday household items radioactive. This insane 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.

In addition, I do not want even more radioactive nuclear waste to go to "low-level" waste sites.

However, I do want continued and increased surveillance of closed uranium mills; more, not less, input on storage and transport cask designs; and more input, not less, on decommissioning plans and funding assurance requirements for reactors, uranium facilities and the proposed Consolidated "Interim" Storage facilities.

I also do not want NRC to improperly reclassify actions that actually cause significant environmental consequences to avoid environmental review, and I do not want NRC to assume that there are no impacts from the numerous exclusions listed in the advanced notice of proposed rule-making.

I also want to point out that this proposal violates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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

In conclusion, I am asking that you honor your commitment to the health and safety of people and the environment and not expand categorical exclusions.

NRC should scrap this proposal and focus on reducing the exclusions that are already allowed.

Sincerely,

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