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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). It appears NRC wants to avoid valuable safety critiques and generically aims to exclude further public input on important and controversial impacts of the unstable nuclear power fuel chain.

I do NOT want radioactive waste at any level released from nuclear control, to get into regular trash and commercial recycling that can be used for repurposing waste into household items. This proposal could do that, despite decades of strong public opposition to “below regulatory concern” (BRC), “very low-level waste” (VLLW), and other generic exemptions from 10 CFR 20.2002 regulations.

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

Continued and increased surveillance of closed uranium mills is required

More, not less, input on storage and transport cask designs is required.

More input on decommissioning plans and funding assurance requirements for reactors, uranium facilities and the proposed Consolidated "Interim" Storage facilities is required.

I do NOT want NRC to improperly reclassify actions, which actually cause significant environmental consequences, in order to avoid environmental review.

I do NOT want NRC to wrongly assume there are no impacts from the numerous exclusions listed in the advanced notice of proposed rule-making.

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

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

Do NOT expand categorical exclusions. NRC must stop this proposal and focus on reducing exclusions already allowed.

Deregulating toxic waste, which cannot be safely or legally discarded or disposed of, is dangerous with toxic petroleum chemical waste or radioactive nuclear waste. Strong regulations protecting the public health and environmental health are imperative.

Nuclear waste remains toxic and harmful to all life for centuries. Allowing producers of toxins to spread their toxic waste within our natural environments and/or in our valuable existing communities is unconscionable and unacceptable. The only way to stop toxifying our world is to stop producing the toxins, including radioactive waste. The industries producing the toxins must be held responsible for their poor investment choices...and, ultimately responsible, no matter the cost to them, for keeping toxins safely inhouse...away from nature and the public. It's time to stop polluting and poisoning for profit. Nuclear power generation is inefficient and lethal...not a good business model on any level. The NRC is here to regulate and protect.

Deregulation is not an option for nuclear power generation and its extremely long lasting, impossible to safely store, radioactive waste. Nuclear power sourcing must be phased out and banned for our future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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