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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 oppose NRC's proposed expansion of actions covered by Categorical Exclusions (published 5-7-2021) under NEPA.

It appears NRC wants to avoid certain legitimate (though possibly controversial) investigations. It proposes to exclude further public input on over a dozen important and controversial impacts from the nuclear power fuel chain.

I do NOT want radioactive waste at *any* level released from accountable nuclear control. I do not want such material to get into regular trash and commercial recycling. This proposal could do blend radioactive material with stable materials potentially apt for recycled use. I support public opposition to terming such material "below regulatory concern" (BRC), "very low-level waste" (VLLW), without precision in evaluation, rather than generic exemptions from 10 CFR 20.2002 regulations.

I urge continued and increased surveillance of closed uranium mills.

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

I urge regular, undiminished input, on decommissioning plans, and on new or revised-capability reactors, uranium facilities and the proposed Consolidated "Interim" Storage facilities.

I urge NRC to assume there are impacts needing detailed examination is appropriate regarding the numerous exclusions listed in the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking.

This proposal should be revised with an eye to fully implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

NRC has not so far "provide(d) a reasoned explanation for the[se] change(s)," each of which deserves review as an environmental impact statement, not an exemption.

DO NOT expand categorical exclusions.

Sincerely,

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