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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn.: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Dear Secretary:

I am appalled to learn that the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission want to dispose of radioactive waste by recycling it into consumer goods. It seems to me I had read some time back of the accidental inclusion of contaminated waste in a shipment to a manufacturer and that the mistake had been discovered and the products disposed of. Now I read that such a practice is being condoned. We are constantly being informed that some waste is too low in radioactivity to do harm... that we get more from the natural sources. My feeling is that no one really knows what such material is doing to us and future generations. At any rate, to add to what radiation we cannot do much about seems like a foolhardy procedure. I strongly urge that all such waste be contained and monitored, not foisted on consumers who would have no way of knowing such materials were included in their daily exposure.

Sincerely,



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