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Public Comment on NRC "scoping" for release from central policy (64 FR 125, 35090 6/30/99)

The standard must be given indication from nuclear power and weapons production. Radioactive waste and materials cannot be "neglected" at the expense of public health and safety. These materials are not below regulatory concern. There are unknowns. BNF L has been increasing regulatory requirements in the US and it makes me nervous! Their "track record" with the YSC-24 and T market calls to what I am most familiar with, and it is almost so far! Then promise to "clean up" after Soviet nuclear finance have not been kept. So why should I expect better performance in their other operations in nuclear business in this country? The only reason BNF L would be buying up all these reactors is if they think they can make a profit by selling the "neglected" materials. The lack of public scrutiny and the ~~extensive~~ process of NPL internal to me is a recipe for disaster — just as was the leading of the first T market call at T major. Review of contamination materials from all types of nuclear facilities by lowering NRC standards of acceptability is just plain wrong. I don't want my grandson's finger made out of such stuff, only to find out when his older that this material never should have been allowed to be

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Neuro. You do not know for sure the effect of

low level radiation long term — and especially

in connection with other pollutants — like the Fox River

PEO we have here in my back yard. You don't know the

total effect of the "soup" of pollutants (interacting

with each other) on a child or a fetus or a person

with low immunity etc. We need further research here.

I know from all my years of work on dry coat

Streak, what a problem any type of radioactive waste

is to "get rid of", but for heavens sake don't allow

yourself to be at the helm of NRC and let your "waste"

be the one that allowed Administrator waste to

be "neglected". Depleted uranium ore in tanks

exposed our pop in the British Gulf War was

a huge mistake, and this neglecting would be

similar. The work to "make a buck" for BNFL

could lead to a real problem in the future. The

time to research and test very thing over the long

term first needs to be taken. Don't let the

programs of the utilities and the nuclear industry

and DOE push you, as a new NRC chairman, up against

the wall and tell you how to run things. Please

as you get to protect the health and safety of

the public, and don't let any of this waste be

neglected unless it is completely decontaminated.

Our children are so overexposed to contaminants already

that adding more radiation can only do harm. Why

not it? Then any unknown and risks and human

even factors in. Don't let the one to allow this recycling please.

Greenwood, from Stillwater

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