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To the Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff, NRC:

I hope you will not allow the recycling of radioactive waste into consumer products. Sooner or later, there would be injuries, resulting scandal, lawsuits, and discrediting of the NRC. There is no known threshold below which exposure to ionizing radiation can be considered safe, and the longer the exposure, the greater the danger. You have no way of knowing what exposures people may receive from radioactive consumer articles. Perhaps a child's toy car would be that child's favorite thing, carried around all day, going to bed with him at night. There's no way of telling. What is certain is that if you go forward with your recycling plan, there will be injuries, illnesses, painful deaths, and a great outcry.

And what are the benefits of this recycling plan? Nothing, certainly, to the NRC, which can expect to be discredited. Some private industries would reap big financial rewards, however. Surely the NRC is not in the pocket of those industries, nor bound to do their bidding. You are a regulatory agency; please regulate! And do it for the public good, not so that a few people can get rich by damaging public health, and public trust in government. I hope that you will have the strength to follow your own sense of what is morally and ethically right - and not be pushed by a greedy but morally bankrupt industry.

Sincerely,

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