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170 Good Counsel Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
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Chairman Richard Meserve
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meserve:

We have just heard that your agency is preparing rules that would make it legal to dispose of what you call "low-level" radioactive waste as trash and scrap that could then be sold and available for "unrestricted" use. WE REJECT THIS IDEA COMPLETELY! We urge you to make sure that ALL radioactive waste-or anything contaminated with it- be completely isolated from people and the environment.

Do you plan to label any materials made from this radioactive scrap as "CONTAINS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE SCRAP MATERIALS OR MATERIALS CONTAMINATED BY THEM"? Otherwise, how could anyone ever avoid them? Even so, it further contaminated the environment, wherever it is, when it is disposed of etc.

Also, with an issue as important as the exposure of the general public and other forms of living being to additional ionizing radiation, we want an extension of time for comment. We just heard about this idea, which we consider to have moral implications, and we think it is unjust to have such a short comment period.

I am emailing this for my two sisters and myself, but we will send it by regular mail also to make sure you get it. Thank you very much. Please respond.

Sincerely,

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