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DON'T DO IT! We are subjected to more than enough radiation in our everyday lives as it is. It would "only" cause an additional estimated 4 cases of fatal cancer out of 10,000 people (not to mention an unknown number of nonfatal cancers)? Ask those four people if this is an acceptable risk. Ask the additional cases of nonfatal cancer if their treatment and suffering are worth the risk. And a risk that's completely avoidable at that! "Only" equivalent to about an additional x-ray each year? I don't get an x-ray each year - not even dental - (and I don't expose myself to the sun's radiation without protection) because I try to minimize the exposure where I can. What are the folks at the NRC & DOE thinking? Are they thinking?? With so much waste and duplication in government, and this is how they want to save money? This is one savings plan that should be scrapped. My bet is that the officials responsible for this callous plan have a plan of their own in place to avoid the contaminated products! While you're at it, terminate the current policy of "case-by-case" dumping of contaminated materials on us!

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You want to start rebuilding citizens' faith in government (which is currently below ground zero)? Start by not even considering such idiotic plans to force dangerous materials on us. Then continue by operating in the open, instead of having the "what they don't know won't hurt us" attitude that all too often characterizes government plans.

Here's another suggestion: Extend the deadline for public comment. Today is the first I heard of the ridiculous plan, which I happened to read in my local paper.

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