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Chairman Richard Meserve Rulemaking and Adjudications

**NRC** 

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Dear Sir,

I am writing concerning the proposal of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Department of Energy to "recycle" and/or "reuse" radioactive materials such as steel, plastics, soils, concretes, etc from deactivated nuclear reactors.

I am opposed to the proposal and the practice that has already apparently started. (i.e. the realease of over 1 millin tons of radioactive material into the market place from several of the closed reactors at Oak Ridge.) I ask that this practice be stopped where it has started and not allowed to proceed further.

We the people have the basic right to decide exposure levels, not the NRC. Once the radioactive material enters the recycle stream, it will disappear, and we wil not be able to determine what is "radioactive" and what is not.

The proposal as it now stands runs counter to accepted knowledge of "acceptable" levels of radiation. It also runs counter to the concept of letting we the people through knowledge and being informed decided what is acceptable and what is not.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Von Woods 1108 Montclair dr. Peachtree City Ga 30269 woods.v@juno.com

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