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To Whom It May Concern:

The NRC's recent decision to attempt to spread radioactively contaminated soil around the US is shocking and short-sighted. All materials used--soil, cement, steel--at nuclear power plants sites should be considered dangerous waste and should be kept away from the general public. Even materials classified as only slightly contaminated are potentially dangerous and will continue to be so for thousands of years. The nuclear industry has made its bed, and now, it must lie in it. It is not the US citizenry's fault that nuclear waste and byproducts have no place to go. Nuclear power has always been a highly dangerous endeavor and should be immediately halted. It is up the private power companies and the US government to develop truly effective ways to store waste so that it never harms humans. This soil redistribution tactic is not one of those ways. At the very least, soil from nuclear power plants should be clearly labeled, and contractors using that soil should be required to inform home buyers that such soil was used in construction. Individual states, cities, and counties should also have to right to refuse to allow such soils to be used within their borders.

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