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Subject: FW: Nuke Waste to Make Zippers, Toys, Playgrounds? Tell NRC what you think by June 30!

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This has GOT to be a joke! This cannot really be happening - releasing this material for everyday uses?? No way. Please say you are not doing that.

If it is really so -my vote would be number 5 and number 6. Stop doing it, put in protected waste sites and let us know where it is now being used.

This is just sick - I do not want to believe that our government is deliberately making us sick. This would be considered a "weapon of mass destruction" as far as I am concerned - on par with the stuff Iraq citizens have been subjected to - which deforms, maims and kills them.

my vote - isolate nuclear waste, prohibit release, eliminate exposure to public

I am sending this notice to everyone I can think of so that they are aware.

-----Original Message-----

From: Lois Danks [mailto:ldanks@attglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 9:22 AM
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Subject: Fw: Nuke Waste to Make Zippers, Toys, Playgrounds? Tell NRC what you think by June 30!

Whoa, I had no idea this was being considered.....Lois

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>Nuke Waste to Make Zippers, Toys, Playgrounds? Tell NRC what you think by
 >June 30!

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>THE PROBLEM:

>Radioactive waste from nuclear weapons and nuclear power are being

>"released" and used

>to make everyday household items, building materials, and more.

>"Standards" are being

>developed to dramatically increase the amount of radioactive material

>"recycled" into

>the marketplace.

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>WHO IS DOING THIS AND HOW?

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>The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is one several US government

>agencies pushing

>for nuclear waste to be dispersed, unregulated, into everyday commerce.

>NRC IS NOW

>SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE USES and DISPOSITION of NUCLEAR WASTE THAT

>THE PUBLIC WILL

>ACCEPT and THE DOSE LEVELS THE PUBLIC WILL ACCEPT FROM DEREGULATED NUCLEAR

>WASTES.

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>[The US Department of Energy (DOE) is allowing some radioactive materials
>out as if not
>radioactive but has a moratorium on letting some radioactive metals out.
>DOE is in the
>process (drafting an environmental impact statement) of reversing or
>codifying the ban
>but seems to be waiting for NRC to act. NRC's rule will affect how much
>DOE waste gets
>out through licensed processors.]
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>***NOW (until June 30) is your chance to TELL THE NRC how much nuclear
>power and weapons
>waste YOU want in unrestricted or 'restricted' commercial daily use! And
>in your local
>landfills as if it were normal trash or at hazardous waste sites not
>designed to take
>radioactive materials.
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>EMAIL NRC at secy@nrc.gov
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>The public is being asked to tell NRC what the 'scope' (range of issues)
>to be addressed
>should be. For example, should radioactive concrete be used to make
>basements or just
>bridge abutments? How much radioactivity should be permitted in the metal
>used for
>pipes, dental braces, intrauterine devices, belt buckles, frying pans and
>tableware?
>Should radioactive soil be used for agricultural land or playground fill?
>Should
>radioactive asphalt be used for parking lots and bike paths? Should it go
>to regular or
>hazardous waste facilities never intended to take radioactive materials.
>One of NRC's
>goals is to reduce regulatory burden on stakeholders, which really means
>on nuclear
>waste generators. You could give NRC your opinion on this.
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>NRC is making a rule that legalizes public exposure to deregulated nuclear
>waste and
>allows radioactive materials to be released from regulatory control.
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>Metal and concrete are the largest volumes of materials threatened but
>soil, asphalt,
>building rubble, equipment, tools, glass, plastic, paper and sites
>themselves could be
>deregulated.
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>NRC offers us 5 choices but you can suggest others--
>1) continue releasing nuclear waste like is now being done--letting
>contaminated
>materials go into unrestricted commerce (consumer goods and more) based on
>detection

>levels set in 1974 for decommissioning contaminated rooms or
>2) continue releasing nuclear waste but allow more out by using "dose
>estimates" that
>the NRC thinks are "trivial doses" or negligible risks (dose-based release
>standards
>cannot be physically measured, verified or enforced-- they are a like a
>blank check to
>the nuclear industry to let wastes out) or
>3) let nuclear waste be released into commerce, based on dose estimates
>like in option
>2, but try to limit where it ends up like in roads or bridges or piping--
>Someone would
>place conditions on the uses of the waste even though it would not be
>tracked or
>4) treat the nuclear waste like regular trash so it can go to regular
>garbage dumps or
>incinerators (referred to as RCRA Title D facilities) or treat it like
>hazardous waste
>and dump it in hazardous landfills or facilities (called RCRA Title C
>facilities) or
>5) send the waste licensed radioactive waste dumps.
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>Sierra Club is suggesting a 6th choice-- they are asking NRC to report on
>and recapture
>all the nuclear wastes they have already deregulated over the years, since
>they claim no
>harm has come from it.
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>NIRS is telling NRC to
>* Focus the rulemaking on better ISOLATING nuclear waste from the public
>and the environment rather than dispersing deliberately;
>* PROHIBIT RELEASE of radioactive wastes and materials from nuclear power
>and weapons into the marketplace for unrestricted or conditional uses;
>* Prevent additional radiation exposures rather than "justifying" them
>with computer
>codes and dose modeling created by nuclear advocates. We oppose
>"dose-based" or "risk-based" standards.
>* Since there is no safe dose of ionizing radiation, we accept NO dose
>above naturally occurring background and voluntary exposures for our own
>personal benefit.
>* Stop poisoning us and the recycling industries with ANY level of
>radioactive contamination from nuclear power and weapons fuel chain
>activities.
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>WHAT CAN YOU DO? Comment by June 30 to NRC at secy@nrc.gov.
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>Email Address: secy@nrc.gov
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>Mail Address: Secretary, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC
>20555
>Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff
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>Upload onto the NRC website at
><http://ruleforum.inl.gov/cgi-bin/rulemake?source=SM_RFC&st=ipcr><http://ru>

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>Send a copy to your local, state and federal officials and to NIRS (at
>dianed@nirs.org).

>Encourage elected officials and friends, family, organizations to comment
>by the June 30

>deadline too.

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>Spread the news about this!

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>MORE INFO:

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>Contact: Diane D'Arrigo at Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS)

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>202 328-0002 ext 16

>NIRS website (being updated) www.nirs.org/radrecycle/recyclehome.htm

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>Federal Register notice:

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