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To NRC officials:

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposal to increase the amount of nuclear waste that may be released into the marketplace to find its way into anything from cooking and eating utensils to children's toys. This is absolutely appalling. As there is no known safe dose of ionizing radiation, the NRC (remember, that stands for Nuclear REGULATORY Commission) should be concentrating on how to protect the public from artificially generated radiation, not on how to expose us to more of it. The fact that the nuclear power and weapons industries have enormous piles of waste that they don't know what to do with is their problem, not ours.

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- * 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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