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Comments Regarding the Release of Radioactive Solid Materials (68FR09595)

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I am opposed to any release of radioactively-contaminated materials to the public for any purpose, particularly for use in consumer products. I am opposed to the adoption of any numerical standards that allow releases of low-activity materials and wastes. They cannot be identified by the recipient, who is then exposed to unknown and unknowable amounts of unnecessary and unwanted radiation doses.

The whole notion of "diluting" the radiation from radioactively-contaminated materials and spreading the dose out over many persons is flawed. There is no safe dose. Furthermore any of the material that is ingested internally by particulates or solutes causes much more damage.

The stated reasons for the rule changes, namely that storage costs are too high are invalid. Such costs should be passed through to consumers in the form e.g. of higher nuclear power prices instead of hiding them by means of subsidies. The market could then do its job of showing the true costs of nuclear power. Nuclear power is no longer a fledgling industry. It has already had sixty years to work out its problems.

In closing I urge that the comment period for this matter be extended.

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