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The ONLY safe way to manage radioactive materials and wastes are to stop generating them!

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Recycling radioactive material - who is the person that came up with that idea?

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Release and recycle the nuclear industries' materials and wastes into the "free market" for reuse in consumer products, roadbeds, contaminated soils and sludge that could be spread on agricultural fields. "Dispose" of wastes by deregulating them so that we will receive many "small" doses of radiation -- just to save money for the nuclear industry -- or by dumping radwastes into hazardous waste landfills or even municipal landfills (e.g., Pottstown landfill -- at a DEP-allowable 2 millirem per hour, whereas NRC proposes to allow initially a dose limit of only 1 millirem per year) Redefine radioactive materials and wastes as "solid materials" (by setting a standard that declares that radioactive materials aren't radioactive below their arbitrary annual dose limit of 1 millirem -- which no one will be able to calculate because the consumer products and other uses won't be monitored or labeled. Use this method of deception both to cut nuclear industry cleanup costs and to open the way for more radioactive wastes from new nuclear power reactors and new nuclear weapons.

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