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Dears Sirs,

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I am opposed to the proposed release of radioactive material into the economic marketplace. I understand that the NRC is under extreme pressure from the nuclear industry to allow them to dispose of their waste in an affordable manner. However, the NRC is supposed to actually regulate this industry, not just serve their economic whims. Declaring that radioactive material is "safe" doesn't make it so, it only saves the industry money. This is supposedly a free market economy, where the real costs of things will determine which system wins in the real economy. However, the nuclear industry has been subsidized by the government from the very beginning, and it still is a bankrupt power source. Please remember that your children and grandchildren will be poisoned by this waste, long after the short term economic gain has been squandered by the industry.

At the very least, choose Option 5, long term storage and isolation from the environment. But the better choice would be Option 6, proposed by the Sierra club.

Radioactive material is unlike any other waste our "civilized" society produces, in that there is no life form which will degrade it to a safe level. Only time will do that. It is criminal and stupid to pretend that this is like other waste. We are producing material that will be toxic for 10 times longer than man has been civilized, and all this to boil water for 50 years. As an engineer I am offended by such inefficiency.

Sincerely,

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