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Re: Comment on Notice of Rulemaking on "Controlling Disposal of Solid  
Materials." (68 FR 40:9595-9602)

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All radioactive waste and any and all materials which may be contaminated with radioactivity from the nuclear fuel chain must be kept regulated and maintained in specifically designated and licensed facilities.

The notion that there is some "safe" level such as an arbitrary one millirem a year dose simply does not make any sense. These materials have a half-life way beyond our ability to predict anything let alone the long term impact on future generations or the environment. Releasing these materials to commercial use of any kind destroys the ability of any organization or agency to identify and track exposure levels. Industry has demonstrated over and over that it has neither the interest nor the ability to comply with regulations regarding public safety or environmental protection. And, we have seen again and again that non-compliance has been overlooked by regulators, or at best has resulted in fines that are trivial. Allowing any use whatsoever of radioactive materials is simply not an option.

The long-lasting character of radioactive materials means that the release into commercial use would result in an increasing accumulation of these materials in our lives and an ever increasing level of exposure to everyone. In addition, the deterioration of products contaminated with radioactive waste means that these materials would eventually enter the food chain. Once these materials are released to commercial use there is no way to track them; no way to retrieve them; no way to protect oneself or one's family. This is a risk nobody should be forced to take.

The NRC must protect the public and the environment by mandating a regulation that will require disposal of all radioactive waste in NRC or Agreement State licensed radioactive waste disposal site.

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