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Dear NRC,

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It is the height of ignorance for this government to even consider releasing nuclear waste into the marketplace no matter how low level it is considered to be. The nuclear industry is famous for its lack of care and concern about the waste it creates and this latest testing of the NRC gullibility is pathetic and shameful.

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It is bad enough that we have spewed this waste all over Afghanistan and Iraq, now the industry wishes to contaminate our own people. Do you not understand that the cancer rate has quadrupled in the last twenty years. Do you not understand the relation of that statistic to the amount of radioactive material that has been blown into our air and oceans? This planet is on a death spiral because of human pollution and now you want to know if it is ok to build my home from radioactive materials, have me cook my food in radioactive contaminated cookware, sleep on radioactive contaminated bed springs, breathe more radioactive contaminated air from the smokestacks of garbage burners and drink radioactively contaminated water from radioactive leachate leaking from these materials disposed of in waste dumps. Or are all the products to be made from this waste going to be shipped to third world countries? Better yet, you are probably considering just shipping the waste to third world countries for fabrication and use there. Interesting concept of population control. I would like to specifically know if this is a population control measure.

It is interesting that this proposal would come from a republican dominated industry, while at the same time republicans refuse to consider national health care. Man will never cease to amaze me.

Radioactive waste should be stored, managed and isolated from the environment for as long as it is hazardous, at facilities specifically licensed for that purpose. Existing regulations (10CFR 61) for nuclear waste disposal should be strengthened. The NRC should use this rulemaking to truly devise ways to control radioactive waste, not release it from licensed control. The NRC should make every effort to recapture the radioactive wastes that already have been released. The NRC should cease the development of nuclear waste generating facilities and promote the development of alternative energy sources that do not create an environmental nightmare for hundreds of thousands of years.

If by some chance you are enticed to allow the release of radioactive materials into the marketplace, please provide me with information as to every product that these materials could be used in. I will do everything in my power to inform the public of the need to boycott those products and their producers. Talk about an economic implosion.....that is exactly what you will get.

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