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Dear People:

I would like to offer a few comments on your "scoping" proposal for "Controlling the Disposition of Solid Materials."

I am against releasing and recycling 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.

And your idea of setting the standard for radioactive wastes so high that most wastes will be free to circulate in our environment, giving us all many small doses of radiation, seems like a trick on the population—but it will save a lot of expense for the nuclear industry.

I think you plan to allow dumping radioactive wastes into hazardous waste and municipal landfills is short sighted and a bad idea for both the landfill operators and for the population who live anywhere near the landfill. In our own area, a leaking landfill liner will render hundreds of home water sources useless. If the landfill leadk contain radioactive waste, it may kill the people before they realize they've been exposed to danger. Most water tests, that I know about, do not measure for radioactive material.

Please do not redefine radioactive materials and wastes as merely "solid materials" by setting a low standard. If you 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. Legislation is now pending regarding the clean-up needed after using spend nuclear fuel in our weapons program. Don't make the same mistake again.

We hope this rulemaking is still at an early stage, and that you can consider these comments. In the end, it seems that the only safe way to manage radioactive materials and wastes is to stop generating them.

Sincerely,


David Hiebert