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PROPOSED RULE (48 FR 70874)
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Comment on Proposed Policy of (just)
Combining Radioactively Contaminated
Scrapped Metal with ordinary
materials, rather than disposing
of it safely, by burial.

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It seems to me that this proposed
change is in line with what I dis-
covered, to my great dismay, to be the
idea that dilution, as calculated by
some person or group, of various radio-
active materials, was adequate to protect
the public health and safety. Since I
was living very near TMI on a fairly
regular basis ever since its inception
it's my feeling that my family and I
were, unknowingly, exposed to some degree
of ionizing radiation from what is consid-
ered routine emissions. That's bad enough.
for our peace of mind, but now your organ-
ization is ready to disperse even more
dangerous, longer-life radwaste isotopes
into the general flow of things metallic.

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If this is really an example of how NRC plans to handle future wastes such as that generated by the TMI-2 accident, as well as "hot" materials that are growing in every operating nuclear power plant, I am truly appalled. When I realize how foolishly trusting we were that there was no danger in being next door to Three Mile Island I can find no fault in the general public's indifference to what seems so complicated a field as radwaste disposal, and nuclear power plant operations in general. However, I shall bend my every effort to make public understanding and appreciation of the dangers inherent in the uranium fuel cycle grow, to head off the very possible "worst case" accident, and long-term pollution of the only earth we have.

This area would be ideal for a public inquiry into this vital area of the TMI-2 Clean-up process. NRC's enaction of rules by default is so grossly unfair to us in the public — People before Profits should be the guide.

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