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Department of Energy Washington, DC

I wholely disagree with the NRC's proposed new rules for recycling radioactive metals.

If radioactive metals are used in everyday products, we will be repeatedly exposed to something proven to cause illness and death. Is it not one of the inherent responsibilities of government, to protect the people from physical harm?

If you are to protect me from harm, then you will not allow radioactive metals to be sold to the scrap metal industry. You are not empowered to decided "how much" radioactive material I can be exposed to. When governments decide, "how bad is too bad?", we generally find out too late that we underestimated the impact of moderate exposure, by then damage is irreversible.

I would also like to request that the deadline for public comment be extended beyond 12/22/99 to allow time for fair discussion.

I appreciate your considering what's right for the people's health, rather than the pocketbook. I urge you to take the high road here.

Sincerely,

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