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re: scoping of NRC proposed rule for RADIOACTIVE "RELEASE" and
 "RECYCLING" into the marketplace, regular landfills, incinerators, etc.
 64 FR 35090, 6/30/99
 ATTN: NRC Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This issue has been examined before under the guise of "Below Regulatory Concern" (BRC). The citizens of the United States were outraged by this proposal then and it is no more attractive at this time. Indeed this proposal continues to be beneath our contempt. To allow the radiation exposure (at any level) of children (or anyone) is nothing less than premeditated random homicide. In this case the NRC is being used by the nuclear industry to maximize industry profits. There appears to be little or no distinction between the NRC and the nuclear industry. However, if the NRC continues to serve the nuclear industry exclusively and irresponsibly and to the detriment of the citizens who fund the NRC...the NRC will undoubtedly be eventually charged with treason, dereliction of duty and organized crime.

The NRC must consider that radiation is never encountered alone by the American public. Citizens encounter various forms and levels of radiation together with other pollutants such as pesticides, dioxin and other endocrine disrupters as well as a myriad of other toxic chemicals. The combination of radiation and other toxic chemicals often increases the potential for damage by many fold. Russian studies have shown this is the case where pesticides are mixed with radiation.

We are seeing unprecedented increases in immune related illness such as diabetes, cancer, asthma, toxicant-induced loss of tolerance, chronic fatigue and a great many other forms of chronic ill health. One in four Americans is chronically ill. It is penultimately irresponsible to think that the NRC would introduce yet another element of risk to destroy public health.

This proposal should not even be considered. The fact that once again there is an attempt by the NRC to dump radiation on the American people shows how desperate this industry has become and how contemptuous of the citizenry and indebted to industry the NRC has become. Instead of shilling for industry the NRC should be shutting down the source of this contamination pending methods of safe handling and disposal. The NRC must also consider combinations of radiation and other toxic chemicals and the combined effect on public health. The NRC should seek to clean up the areas of contamination and compensate those already injured by secret and unwanted nuclear exposures. If the nuclear industry did not have indemnity and was held accountable for the death and environmental destruction they created, this problem would disappear as nuclear plants and other sources of man made

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radiation were shut down or
eliminated when they could not withstand the many lawsuits they justly deserve

Sincerely,
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