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Please count my vote AGAINST the recycling and reusing of radioactive metals and other materials from nuclear facilities to be used in the general marketplace.

It is hard to believe that the NRC could be debating on the number of deaths that are acceptable from the recycling and reusing of radioactive metals in the marketplace. No number of deaths is acceptable when the only benefit gained from the recycling is a financial benefit.

Even if the risk from radioactive metals in everyday products, which the average consumer will keep and be exposed to for years, is comparable to the risk from an extra x-ray each year (which is very doubtful), this additional risk is not acceptable. For one thing, doctors and dentists limit the number of x-rays each person gets because any additional exposure to radiation is dangerous. No amount of radiation is safe. For another thing, at least the x-rays are medically necessary. One cannot think that radioactive cars, utensils, and daily household products are necessary in any way.

The NRC owes it to the American People to protect it from any extra exposure to radiation. Perhaps the disposal of contaminated items ought be determined before the nuclear facilities are built, not after they are no longer useful.

It is unethical for the NRC to keep the deadline for public comment of December 22nd, when the news has not been received by the public yet.

Sincerely,
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