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Dear NRC,

I JUST READ A PIECE IN THE ATLANTA PAPER WHICH SAID YOU WERE PREPARING TO ALLOW RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS TO BE RECYCLED.

If it is true that you are allowing materials with even very low levels of radioactivity to be released, then you have allowed pressure and short term gain cloud your judgement. If you plan to have offspring, and want life to prevail on this planet in the distant future, then you are not thinking this through.

Dispersing material that may have even a small effect on distant future generations(the danger of which is of course unquantifiable) is untenable. We are too ignorant as a species to assume this level of risk, which involves all life, including YOUR progeny. You and I do not know today the reality of this action, but we do know that increased mutation, even on a small scale, is upsetting to life.

The NRC does not have a great history of foresightful and clear thought. Each of you will, in some sense, be held accountable for these decisions which you now make in this cavalier fashion. Please do not let economic and group pressure confuse you on issues that are beyond our real ability, as a species, to grasp in their entirety today. Will you, personally, after you read this, have the courage and decency to sincerely reflect on your responsibility and place in the big picture of long-term survival of humans and other life forms on this relatively small planet? Thank you.

Sincerely,
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