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Dear Sir:

I only just became aware the plan of the Nuclear Regulatory Agency and the Department of Energy to sell radioactive metals to the scrap metal industry. Also, that the deadline for public comment is today.

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Firstly, this is very short notice, and it's just before Christmas, when people are preoccupied with other things. I urge you to extend the deadline. I would like to be able to hear more on this subject, both pro and con.

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Secondly, on the face of it, this plan seems to be ill-conceived. Who knows what level of radioactivity is "safe"? If we allow these raw materials to be used and then find that a mistake was made, it will be too late. It appears that there is no safe level of radioactivity for a public that is generally ignorant of radioactive metals once they become part of daily use.

I urge you to reconsider this plan and to extend the deadline for comment.

Respectfully,
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