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Proposal to "recycle" radioactive waste

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There is no safe level of exposure to radiation including naturally occurring background radiation. We cannot stop background radiation. We can and should prevent exposure to man-made radiation (except by choice, as when we choose to get dental x-rays). I don't want any radioactive waste, from commercial nuclear power plants or nuclear weapons facilities, to be recycled into industrial products and consumer products or into anything -- soil, air, water -- that I might be exposed to.

The proposed recycling of radioactive waste puts the money interests and convenience of the nuclear establishment ahead of my well-being and the well-being of my children and grandchildren.

I am responsible for my waste and I pay in time and effort and in money to be sure that it is taken care of responsibly.

The nuclear industry and the DOE must take responsibility for their waste. Causing public exposure to their radioactive waste through "recycling", "clearance" and/or "releases" is both irresponsible and unconscionable.