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In regard to your request for public advices re your making a ruling on how radioactive regular consumer products, building materials, our homes, our schools, our vehicles, etc. should be allowed to be, I want to make my strong response herewith.

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It seems obvious that this question is based on the possibility that radioactive wastes will be recycled, and this would be a way for the producers of nuclear wastes (i.e., nuclear power plant operators, and medical and research centers all over the country) to be able to dispose of their wastes without having to store them at the sites where they are produced. With over 100 nuclear power plants and many many other nuclear facilities producing these dangerous wastes, it is a growing problem.

To allow ANY nuclear wastes to be recycled into consumer products, or building where people work, study, are medically treated, or have to live would be completely immoral and would eventually have fatal consequences for untold numbers of people, sooner or later.

It would be wrong for you to make such a ruling without widespread public notice, information, and debate. So far, I have yet to see ANY mention of this possibility in either the print or electronic media. Neither has my neighbor, a news maven, heard ANY word on the matter.

If you have not read "At Work in the Fields of the Bomb" by (Canadian researcher, Robert Del Tredici (Harper & Rowe, 1987), you should do so and then you would understand my concern. NRC should lengthen the time period for public response, because the ruling you may make will have far-reaching, and either beneficent or malificent consequences. I only heard about it yesterday, on the internet, and now the "deadline" is supposedly tonight at midnight!

The history of writing is only 10,000 years old. But uranium 238 has a half-life of 4,478,000 years, and one of the plutonium isotopes has a half-life of 24,000 years!! And once produced, it cannot be destroyed...it will only spontaneously decay at its own specific rate. So the more we produce, the worse it will be for our world and its inhabitants. And the worst thing we could be doing right now is to expose more and more people to its perilous influence. This decision must be postponed until the people can made the decision that will so greatly affect whatever future they may have.

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