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Mr. Richard Meserve, Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Chairman Meserve:

According to an article in *The Atlanta Constitution*, Dec. 20, 1999, page A19; the NRC is proposing to sell radioactive metals to the scrap metal industry.

Even at "low levels" of radiation, the use of contaminated materials of any sort in everyday items for public consumption seems risky.

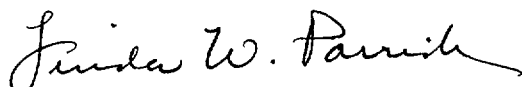
To quote the newspaper article, "We could receive doses of radiation from our cars, the rings on our fingers, the file cabinets next to our desks and the utensils at the diner."

As a nine-year survivor of breast cancer, I have received more radiation than most people through Xrays and scans; I certainly do not want any more exposure to radiation, even at "low levels."

Please extend the deadline for public comment to allow for a fair evaluation of the NRC's proposal.

And please, find a safer way to dispose of radioactive waste.

Sincerely,

  
Linda W. Parrish

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