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Secretary

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Washington D.C. 20555

Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

I have learned through Ralph Nader's Public Citizen News, issue

November/December 1999, that radioactive metal is Now being sold by the

Department of Energy to scrap metal dealers. The D.O.E. has 1.4 million

tons of contaminated metals that it hopes to sell off. Your Nuclear

Regulatory Commission has asked the public for it's opinion on the

level of radioactivity we want to accept. We are not nuclear scientists,

but simple observation at the dentist office tells us something when

the dental assistant leaves the room with us under a lead bib before

taking an X-Ray. Therefore rather than to draw some regulations and
administer funding for the government to monitor the D.O.E. which has
already gone ahead with the sell of radioactive metals without the public's
knowledge or approval, I urge the Commission to enforce a No Sell

policy.

Most Sincerely,

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