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Richard Meserve:

I am writing to demand that the NRC follow its mission to protect the American public from radioactive products and radioactive trash. Specifically, I am urging you to assure us that NO radioactively contaminated materials ever enter the consumer marketplace.

Apparently the Department of Energy intends to allow the sale and recycling of about 120,000 tons of contaminated metals from Oak Ridge. The fact that these metals have supposedly been contaminated only on the surface does not mean that they are safe for the consumer marketplace!

I am glad that the metals industry, with its "zero tolerance" policy against contaminated metals is more realistic than the DOE.

The NRC needs to re-evaluate its own stand on recycling of radioactive materials, and to re-orient its priorities in favor of public health and consumer protection.

Yours truly,

B. Geary

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