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RE: rulemaking 64 FR 35090, 6-30-99

Mr. Richard Meserve, Chair **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

Transmitted VIA email

Dear Chairman Meserve:

Green Delaware asks the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to stop the recycling of radioactive waste into consumer products and to isolate these materials and anything they contaminate. The public must not be exposed to the radioactive legacy of atomic energy and weapons production.

Using radioactive waste in consumer products poses unnecessary, avoidable and involuntary risks that consumers, producers and the raw materials industries don't want. Naturally occurring radiation cannot be avoided, but its presence in no way justifies the additional radiation exposures that the NRC plans to allow in products we use every day.

The NRC should extend the comment period on its proposal to release radioactive waste into the marketplace until September 2000. This issue is too important to act hastily upon and it should be fully debated by the public.

Respectfully submitted

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