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Dear Chairman Meserve:

I am deeply concerned over the ongoing plans to develop a system of recycling and releasing material which has been radioactively contaminated in the process of nuclear weapons development, and from power plants. I believe that while this is a cost-saving alternative to nuclear waste cleanup and permanent storage, it is a future public health crisis in the making.

There has not been enough time or information on this subject for adequate public input or independent scientific scrutiny. Most people I know are entirely unaware of the situation. If this release of metals and other materials proceeds/continues, it will be impossible

to properly track and concerned consumers, such as myself, will be denied their fundamentally right to know if what they are buying has, in fact, been irradiated.

Mr. Resore, no amount of ionizing radiation is safe. Not even natural "background radiation," which I understand rose by around 30% after the accident in Chernobyl 10 years ago. Any release, accidental or intentional, must be prevented at all cost - even the cost of permanently stopping contaminated material, rather than selling it back to the people of our country. Please do not allow this.

Very sincerely,  
Jonathan Sperblum