From:Alan McCann-Sayles <alansara@humboldt1.com>To:OWFN_DO.owf5_po(SECY)Date:Wed, Dec 22, 1999 12:28 PMSubject:stop the recycling of radioactive waste

Re: NRC's Radioactive "Release" rulemaking 64 FR 35090, 6-30-99 ATTN: NRC Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I am calling on 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.

Sincerely,

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