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(64 FR 35090)

Richard Meserve, Chairman

Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

11555 Rockville Pike Rockville MD 20855

Re: Recycling Radioactive Waste Into Consumer Products ("products")

This letter, Mr. Meserve...

was sent to submit public comments on the referenced matter, which appear below. Please make my comments a part of the official record.

In my opinion, general consumer and household products made from recycled radioactive waste materials (metals, building materials, plastics, soil, etc) should:

- Be used primarily to manufacture "ethnic" products that target various minority groups.
- Be sold only at the wholesale level, and only to stores in and/or near areas with large populations of minorities to insure distribution among groups of consumers that are "expendable" for the purpose of maintaining or, in this case, increasing profits for the nuclear industry; but *not* to stores in neighborhoods like yours and mine, Mr. Meserve!
- Have a warning label, but one written for highly literate persons, since only a small minority of them are minorities! (As an example, the complicated instructions for a small butane torch I have clearly state: "This tool...should be handled by literate adults..."! Also, failing to label such products might raise the First Amendment issue of "spending is speech" (Buckley v. Valeo, Supreme Court Case No. 75-436), because consumers would be unable to "express an opinion" that such products are dangerous by purchasing non-radioactive items, since they wouldn't know which products were or were not not radioactive.

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> Be exported to countries that have concentrated populations of very low income, illiterate citizens who will not realize that they're buying potentially dangerous products.

Question: Would radiation levels in a confined area increase with the number of products present? For example: If a geiger counter was placed in a small room with just one product and ten more products with identical radiation levels were added, would the geiger counter reading increase ten times?

Question: Would a person be exposed to more radiation if he or she was constantly using, and/or coming into close proximity with, a large number of products as compared to a small number?

Question: If a person willfully purchased a large quantity of products (as gifts, for example), and gave them to an individual with the specific intent of causing harm by exposure to abnormally high radiation levels, would that person be subject to any civil liabilities and/or criminal penalties if the individual who received the products subsequently suffered harm, and it was established that such harm was caused by the products?

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, Mr. Meserve, I hereby request, a list of companies that will benefit financially when the referenced proposal is approved and implemented. *I WANT TO BUY THEIR STOCK!* 

If there's a mailing list appurtenant to the referenced matter, please add me to it. Thank you.

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(Electronic Signature Pursuant to §1.01, Florida Statutes)