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RE: 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.

What benefit does releasing radioactive materials into consumer products provide? I would say absolutely none! What are the concerns? There are many, and they are too obvious to list (especially the overwhelming health concerns). The idea of releasing radioactive materials into consumer products is so absurd it is hard to believe that anyone would even suggest it.

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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