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Dear Chairman Meserve:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the nuclear industry are scheming to "recycle" radioactive waste into innumerable products such as braces for teeth, frying pans, belt buckles—virtually anything made out of steel, nickel, copper, or aluminum.

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Although the government already allows atomic waste into the market place on a case-by-case basis, the NRC is trying to legalize the routine release of massive amounts of radioactive metal, concrete, plastic, soil and other material from commercial nuclear power and weapons sites.

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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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