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NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff
U.S. NRC/Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

This letter is to request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to stop the recycling of radioactive waste into consumer products and to isolate these materials and anything they contaminate. We, the public, should not be exposed to the dangers that such a recycling plan would allow.

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. I am particularly concerned for our children, who would be exposed to the dangers from young and even more vulnerable ages and for more years.

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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