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NRC Chairman
Richard Meserve
attn: Rule Making + Adjudications Staff
U. S. NRC, Washington, DC 20555

Sir:

I read this morning in the Atlanta Constitution that it is your intention to allow the use of radioactive metals left over from the manufacture of nuclear power plants and/or weapons facilities in manufacturing thousands of every day consumer items.

May I suggest that you begin by making items that are used solely by members of the NRC - and then wait a suitable length of time to see how many of <u>them</u> develop cancer, before allowing such items to be sold or distributed to the general public. Have you forgotten the horrible deaths suffered by those who used to paint illuminated num-

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bers on watch faces - and who licked the brushes with which they painted the numbers? Each day they absorbed minute doses of radium + predictably developed hideous cases of cancer of the mouth, gums, teeth + throat; and they all died in agony -

I am confused + frightened by the machinations of the NRC - and how can it be that public comment on this devastating action will not be heard after Dec. 22nd when there is certain to be much input from citizens like me?

Nuclear materials + weapons were once touted as being the elements of all our future power + prosperity - what a hoax they turned out to be! - and now our own government, represented by people like you, is going to spread amongst us our own Chernobyl! Please respond to this letter. I hope your reply will allay me fears for the sake of my Children + grand Children!

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Yours, with trepidation

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