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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 these 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 water faces - and who licked the  
bucket with which they painted the numbers?  
✓ Ask why they showed minute doses of radium  
& predictably revealed 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 further 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 howl they  
 turned out to be! - and now our own government,  
 represented by people like you, is going  
 to spread amongst us once from Chern -  
 molyb! Please respond to this letter.

✓ I hope your reply will bring me fears  
 for the sake of my children & grand  
 children!

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Yours, with trepidation.

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