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Chairman Richard Meserve
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Dear Secretary Meserve,

I am writing to ask the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to isolate radioactive wastes and any materials they contaminate. The radioactive legacy of atomic weapons and energy production should be isolated from the public and the environment.

The NRC should also extend the comment period on releasing radioactive waste into commerce to at least September 2000. This issue is too important to act hastily upon and it should be fully debated by the public. Several more months are necessary to engage American consumers and allow them to consider the benefits and risks of potential exposure to radioactive household items.

The current methods of releasing radioactive wastes from commercial licensees and weapons facilities should cease immediately. No future radioactive releases should be permitted and a full accounting and recapture of that which has already been released should commence.

Using radioactive wastes in consumer products poses unnecessary, avoidable, involuntary, uninformed risks. The consumers, the producers, the raw materials industries may not want these radioactive wastes or risks.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely;

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