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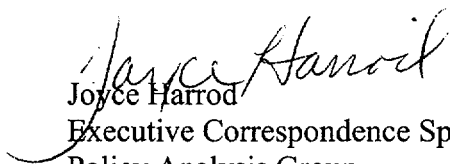
Ms. Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretariat
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North Building
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Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Enclosed is a letter that was forwarded to the Department of Energy from Ms. Marliss A. Rogers. Since the subject of her letter does not fall within the purview of the Department of Energy, we are referring it to your agency.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-5063.

Sincerely,


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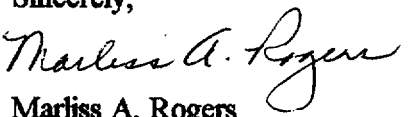
Dear Secretary Richardson:

It has come to my attention that, with the cooperation of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, radioactive waste and materials are being used to make everyday household items, which could be in our stores now. The Commission is in the process of legalizing the release of these materials into normal commerce, and allowing them to be sent to regular scrap yards to mix with clean metal for unrestricted public use.

Because nuclear power currently isn't cost-competitive with other energy sources, companies like Amergen are being allowed to "recycle" radioactive materials into the consumer marketplace. This is an unconscionable situation! As a citizen, I demand that you keep radioactive wastes and materials from nuclear power and weapons isolated from the public and the environment, and prohibit any "releases" from regulatory control; that you prohibit radioactive materials from entering the consumer marketplace or anywhere but licensed radioactive facilities; and that you recapture that which has been released. We also ask that you work for an international prohibition on radioactive "release".

Please take action immediately to keep this terrible situation from becoming worse.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: President Clinton
Senator Ross Feingold

Senator Herb Kohl
Rep. James Sensenbrenner

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