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Mr. Richard Meserve, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

DC'D BY ~~583~~ Chairman Meserve:

7 DEC 99 2:11P I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to allow radioactive metal and other materials from maintenance and decommissioning of nuclear power and weapons factories to be cleared for free release into the marketplace. It is my understanding that scientific investigation into the effects of long term, low level exposure is incomplete.

I have heard strong opposition to this proposal from iron and steel industry representatives, people concerned about safe energy and the environment, and the religious and social justice communities.

My constituents express shock at the thought that this new policy might be adopted.

Sincerely,



Paul Wellstone
United States Senator

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