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Chairman Richard Meserve  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington DC.  
(Attn: Rulemaking & Adjudications Staff)

Dear Chairman Meserve,  
I am writing to call on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to isolate radioactive wastes & materials & anything they contaminate, no matter the level of contamination. The radioactive legacy of atomic energy & weapons production must not be allowed to put the public & the environment at risk any longer.

The NRC appears convinced that it should legalize radioactive waste, being "recycled" into the marketplace. In its Staff Requirements Memo it says that the standard must allow "releases" to take place and that all radioactive materials will be eligible for "clearance". This means that the NRC is not seriously examining all of the options available, such as non-release, though the National Environmental Policy Act requires all options be considered.

I want the NRC to serve the interests of the public instead of the nuclear industry & prohibit the release of nuclear radioactive materials into commerce, landfills & incinerators; to identify, track, & recapture the radioactive waste that has already been released from nuclear power & weapons facilities by federal & state regulators and to give the public at least eight more months to comment on what should be done with existing radioactive waste. This issue is too important to act on hastily and should be fully debated by the public.

Sincerely,

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