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NRC Chairman-Richard Meserve  
Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff  
U.S. NRC  
Washington, DC 20555

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Dear Mr. Meserve:

I read the column by Sara Barczak in the Monday, December 20, 1999 issue of "The Atlanta Constitution". In this column, she raised some significant questions about what she termed a "bad plan" for the NRC to start putting contaminants in everyday items to be recycled or reused. I have not read nor even seen much material on the other point of view, which leads me to the first point of this comment. First, the public needs time to consider this idea, to study it, to comment upon it and to form support or non-support for various courses of action.

Secondly, what will the guidelines be and how will they be enforced? What is the real exposure or danger to citizens over time? Will there be labeling required? Will the public have enough information so that they may make prudent decisions regarding contact with or the use of these products?

Third we should consider the continuation of a case-by-case release policy so that destinations and the public can be fully aware of the full description and level of contamination for each product identified for recycling or reuse.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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