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Dear Chairman Meserve:

We are writing to urge the NRC to withhold all radioactive waste and metals from circulation into the public and the environment and to extend the comment period on releasing radioactive waste into the public until at least September 2000.

At NC WARN we believe that the fact that radioactive waste is already getting out should not be used to justify legal levels allowing more out. Furthermore, the fact that it is difficult and expensive to monitor and detect radiation does not justify its release. Radioactive wastes should not be released to the public at any level. It is simply not credible to believe computer models can calculate and accurately predict any or all of the doses to the public and the environment from all of the potential radioactivity that could be released over time. No one--not the consumers, the producers nor the raw materials industries--support the release of radioactive materials, the risks are simply too high.

Our statewide network of members and supporters strictly oppose the "release," "clearance," and "recycling" of radioactive materials and demand that the NRC prohibit such releases. The public has spoken before on this issue and it is clear that the public feels that there are no safe levels of radioactive release and there should be no permissible level of radioactive release. To do otherwise would undermine the public's trust in the NRC.

Sincerely,

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We must stop the accumulation of poisons in our environment.

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