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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

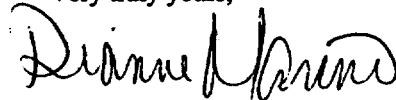
Re: Radioactive "Recycling"

Dear Mr. Meserve:

I am writing to you regarding the proposal radioactive waste potentially being "recycled" into consumer products. It will put Americans and their families at risk by exposure unnecessary, avoidable and involuntary radiation. There is no assurance that projections of ANY amount of contamination being released are "acceptable" or "reasonable". It is very expensive to monitor specific types and forms of radioactivity. No matter what level the NRC sets for allowable radiation risk, dose or concentration, it will almost impossible to measure, verify and enforce. Who will be legally responsible if these levels are violated? We cannot allow the nuclear power plants to monitor their own releases. Just take a look at Brookhaven National Laboratory (which was just closed due to radiation leaking into the water) and Millstone Nuclear Power Plan in Connecticut, which has been heavily fined due to leaks in Reactor #3.

The NRC should extend the comment period on releasing radioactive waste into commerce until at least September 2000 for a full public debate.

Very truly yours,



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