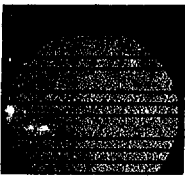


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NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Dear Chairman Meserve,

The Safe Energy Communication Council is writing to call on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to insist that the radioactive legacy of atomic energy and nuclear weapons be permanently isolated from the public and the environment. We therefore strongly oppose the attempt to introduce radioactive wastes and materials of any level into consumer products.

We also request that the NRC extend the comment period on releasing radioactive waste into commercial products until at least September 2000. This would allow the public time to debate and consider this serious issue, an opportunity which citizens have already demanded and thus far been denied. Due process is very important, especially since the perception already exists that the NRC has given the decision to release radioactive wastes into the marketplace a rubber stamp. We are disturbed that the NRC appears not to be examining all of the options available, such as non-release, even though the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all options to be considered.

We ask the NRC to serve the interests of the public, not the nuclear industry and prohibit the release of radioactive materials into commerce, landfills and incinerators. We also request that the NRC identify, track and recapture existing releases of radioactive waste from nuclear power and weapons facilities.

Sincerely,

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