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- >NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
- >U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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- > Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff
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> Dear Secretary Meserve,

> I am writing to ask the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to isolate
>radioactive wastes and materials and anything they contaminate, no matter
>what level.

>The radioactive legacy of atomic weapons and energy production should be
>isolated from the public and the environment.

> The NRC should also extend the comment period on releasing radioactive
>waste into commerce to at least September 2000. This issue is too
>important to act
>hastily upon, and it should be fully debated by the public. In addition,
>the public should

be notified of this comment period and where to give input. Several more
>months are necessary to engage American consumers and determine if they want
>their families put at risk by exposure to radioactive household items.

> The public has spoken before on this issue. We still do not want nuclear
>power and weapons wastes "released," "cleared," deregulated, exempted,
>generally licensed, designated "de minimis," "unimportant," or BRC-below
>regulatory concern, or by any other creative, direct or deceptive means,
>allowed out of nuclear facilities and into the marketplace or the
>environment, at any level.

> The current methods of releasing radioactive wastes from commercial
>licensees and weapons facilities must immediately cease. No future
>radioactive releases should be permitted and a full accounting and recapture
>of that which has already been released should commence.
>Using radioactive wastes in consumer products poses unnecessary, avoidable,
>involuntary, uninformed risks. The consumers, the producers, the raw
>materials industries don't want these radioactive wastes or risks.

> Furthermore, the NRC is relying on a private contractor called Science
>Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to prepare the technical basis
>for the proposed regulation. This is a blatant conflict of interest. The NRC
>has not publicly disclosed the relevant economic interests of SAIC. The NRC
>has not notified the public that SAIC has simultaneously been working with,
>or for other corporations with substantial economic interests in the
>Commission's determinations in this rulemaking. In particular, since
>mid-1996, SAIC has been the teaming partner of British Nuclear Fuels, Ltd.
>(BNFL) under a quarter billion DOE contract for recycling unprecedented

>amounts of contaminated radioactive metallic waste. This situation calls
>into question the entire NRC process.
> In conclusion, the comment period should be extended and the NRC should
>serve the interests of the public instead of the nuclear industry and
>prohibit the release of radioactive materials into commerce.

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>Sincerely,
C.L. Kennedy
Concerned Citizen!!