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Chairman Richard Meserve  
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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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(64FR35090)

Dear Chairman Meserve:

**Use of Radioactive Waste**

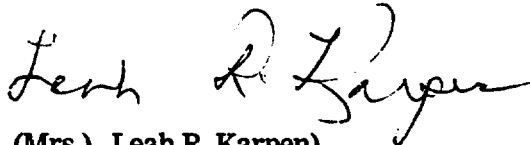
I understand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the nuclear industry, the Department of Energy and other federal agencies have plans to recycle radioactive waste into products used by households.

What is proposed is a massive release of metal, plastic, concrete and other materials from commercial nuclear power plants and DOE weapons facilities.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has a responsibility to prevent the dissemination of radioactive wastes into general commerce. Even though it is difficult and expensive to monitor and protect radioactive waste, the responsibility still remains to do so.

The effects of radiation on the human body have been well-documented. We do not want to subject people to unwanted and unneeded radiation for the sake of commerce.

Sincerely yours,



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