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Chairman Richard Meserve
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve,

There is no safe dose of ionizing radiation as proven by the rigorous research of Dr. John Gofman, M.D., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Molecular and Cell Biology, University of California, Berkeley. There is no threshold dose. Any dose of radiation can lead to human cancer. In fact, his new work proves that medical radiation (x-rays) is a highly important cause (probably the principal cause) of cancer mortality and Ischemic Heart Disease deaths in the United States. (Radiation from Medical Procedures in the Pathogenesis of Cancer and Ischemic Heart Disease, 1999)

We are sorry to have to say this, but in light of these facts, the idea of using radioactive steel to make household products is insane. I implore you to remove the money-making factor from your intention of raising the current acceptable levels of radiation exposure to individuals and rethink this.

Radiation cannot be contained. Even you and your children will be victims. What is all the gold in the world worth if our children and grandchildren are eating from radioactive, cancer inducing forks?

Sincerely,

Mitch Hall
Beverly Red