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NRC Chairman Richard Meserve
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudication Staff

Dear Chairman Meserve,

I understand that the NRC and U.S. Department of Defense are looking into the possibilities of disposing of nuclear waste by "recycling" it into household products, and that this "recycling" does in fact occur now.

The inclusion of any radioactive materials in any consumer product is unconscionable. While the radiation dose I, my family, or your family may get from coming into contact with any of these recycled radioactive materials may be small, little is yet known about the cumulative effects of continued exposure to radioactivity, and that is not worth the risk associated with recycling -- for whatever purpose. Please reconsider and decide to opt against any kind of recycling of radioactive materials for consumer use.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Judy Ringer

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