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Chairman Richard Meserve
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555
Attn: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

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Dear Chairman Meserve:

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

I also feel that the NRC should extend the comment period on releasing radioactive waste into commerce for at least a full year. The stakes are too high to proceed without a public debate of this critical public health issue. The idea that consumer goods may become potential sources of unwitting radiation exposure for us and our children, is terrifying and outrageous. I believe most ordinary citizens would vehemently oppose the idea, as I do.

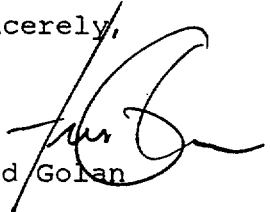
Further, as I understand it, the NRC, DOE and EPA have contracted with the National Academy of Sciences to review radiation impacts, but the NAS has selected such a skewed panel that it is clear they will recommend raising the acceptable, or "safe," level of radiation exposure.

I also understand that the scientific and technical basis for the proposed regulation has been critically compromised by conflicts of interest.

I do not want to see the health and well-being of my children threatened so that the nuclear industry can realize greater profits. If these policies are enacted, I believe they will constitute as great an evil as the atomic tests conducted secretly on civilians in the 1950s.

Please do not act in haste. I respectfully request that you place the our lives, health and safety ahead of any other consideration.

Sincerely,



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