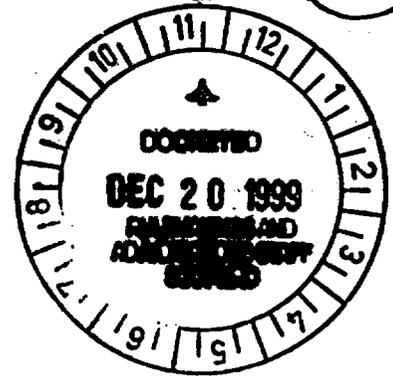


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re: scoping of NRC proposed rule for RADIOACTIVE "RELEASE" and "RECYCLING" into the household items, marketplace, regular landfills, incinerators, etc.
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

I call on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to isolate radioactive wastes and materials and anything they contaminate, no matter what level. The radioactive waste of atomic energy and weapons production should be isolated from the public and the environment. It should be kept in monitored, retrievable storage.

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. The public has spoken repeatedly before on this issue and needs time to be informed that subject is open again or still open.

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 begin immediately.

Using radioactive wastes in consumer products is unconscionable.

Naturally occurring background radiation cannot be avoided (except in some instances for example, reducing radon in homes) but its presence in no way justifies additional, unnecessary, involuntary radiation exposures, even if those exposures might be equal to or less than background. The effect is cumulative. Nor does it justify shifting the economic liability from the generators of radioactive wastes and materials to the economic and health liability of the recycling industries, the public and the environment.

The fact that radioactive waste is already getting out should not be used to justify legal levels allowing more out. The NRC, EPA and DOE should prevent future and correct past releases. Those materials must be isolated, not released, at any level.

Sincerely,

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