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Sen. Charles E. Schumer

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Request meeting on New York Power Authority's
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Nuclear Waste in Dry Casks at the James A.
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AUTHOR: CHARLES SCHUMER
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SUBJECT: REQUEST MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY'S (NYPA)
PENDING APPLICATION BEFORE THE NRC TO STORE NUCLEAR WASTE IN DRY
CASKS AT THE JAMES FITZPATRICK NUC PLANT

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 27, 2000

Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

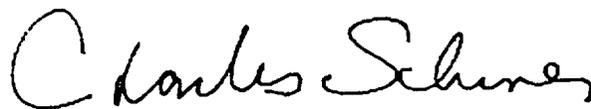
I am writing to respectfully request that you, or the appropriate National Regulatory Commission (NRC) representative, meet with me and officials from Oswego County, New York to discuss New York Power Authority's (NYPA) pending application before the NRC to store nuclear waste in dry casks at the James A. Fitzpatrick nuclear plant.

The issues surrounding nuclear waste in Oswego County raise significant concerns for local residents who fear their community will become a centralized storage site for nuclear waste from plants located outside the Oswego County region. These concerns include choosing the type of cask system that will provide the optimal level of environmental safeguards to the region which includes Lake Ontario, the primary source of water for Central New York. In addition, the community wants to ensure that any future owners of these plants will work to develop a relationship with Oswego County that promotes the well-being of residents and the environment.

While the process for considering NYPA's application does not specifically provide for a period of public comment, I believe it is important that representatives from Oswego County be given the opportunity to convey their concerns prior to any final decision by the NRC on this matter. In so doing, the NRC will have the chance to articulate its nuclear waste policy and to ensure the County officials of its commitment to public safety.

Thank you in advance for your timely response and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator