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Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Site in
Newfield, New Jersey

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Honorable Nils J. Diaz
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

It has come to my attention that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) intends to pursue a Long Term Control (LTC) possession only license for the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) site in Newfield, New Jersey. I am opposed to this proposal, as are Governor James McGreevey and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley Campbell.

The SMC site contains some 57,000 cubic meters of radioactively contaminated materials. If the federal government grants an LTC license, then SMC would be allowed to leave these large quantities of radioactive material on its site for 1,000 years or more. A recent NRC report stated that "the lessons learned from this project will be useful for eventually preparing draft regulatory guidance for public comment." Essentially, the NRC is proposing to create an unlicensed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility, and to use New Jersey as the testing ground for this untried and possibly ill-conceived policy.

Furthermore, I am concerned that the NRC has offered no meaningful opportunity for New Jersey residents to discuss the proposed experiment. The only forum in which the public's concerns could be addressed was held on June 29 in Rockville, Maryland—about 140 miles and two states away from the SMC site, without any local notice of the meeting for the residents likely to be affected.

In recent years, New Jersey strongly lobbied communities within the state to voluntarily host to a low-level radioactive waste site. Despite large monetary incentives, the State was unable to persuade any community to host such a site. I doubt that the residents of New Jersey will be any more willing to accept a low-level radioactive waste site in the guise of an LTC site arriving through the back door.

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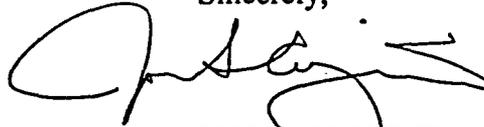
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The radioactive material at SMC's Newfield site must be disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner, not left in place for future generations to deal with the negative consequences. I join many other public officials in New Jersey requesting your immediate action in stopping this effort by the federal government to place an unwanted and unregulated radioactive waste site in New Jersey.

Thank you for your prompt consideration. Should you need any additional information, please contact Kevin Drennan in my Barrington office at (856) 757-5353.

Sincerely,



JON S. CORZINE
United States Senator

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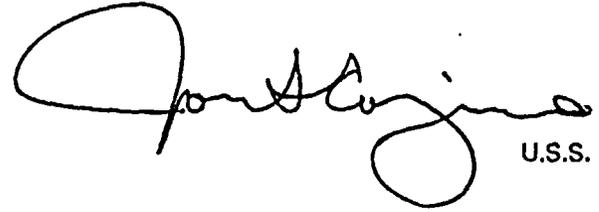
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