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Senator Christine Kehoe

TO:

Chairman Diaz

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Chairman Diaz

DESC:

ROUTING:

Transportation of Radioactive Wastewater to
Disposal Site

Reyes
Virgilio
Kane
Silber
Dean
Cyr/Burns
Strosnider, NMSS
Mallett, RIV

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CONTACT:

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ACTION: Signature of Chairman

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SENATOR
CHRISTINE KEHOE
THIRTY-NINTH SENATE DISTRICT



March 22, 2006

Nils Diaz, Chair
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairperson Diaz:

It was recently reported in the *San Diego Union Tribune* that a tanker truck transporting 4,500 gallons of wastewater from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station to a disposal site in the State of Utah was found to be leaking radioactive wastewater while en route to the disposal site.

The leak was ultimately discovered while the truck was physically located in Utah. However, the route taken from the plant to the disposal site required the truck to travel through both the states of California and Nevada.

While the *San Diego Union Tribune* article quotes a spokesperson at San Onofre stating that he "does not believe" that wastewater was spilled in either Nevada or California while the truck was in transit, we question the basis of that statement. As you are well aware, even a modest amount of leakage could pose significant health risks for communities through which the wastewater was transported. Arbitrarily dismissing the possibility that some of the leakage may have occurred in areas other than where it was ultimately found could serve to make people less vigilant in investigating the spill and those living in potentially impacted areas less alert to possible exposure.

I expect a thorough investigation of this incident by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Prompt and full public disclosure of your findings is essential to ensure the public's confidence in the government's handling of this incident and, more importantly, it will help persuade the public that nuclear wastewater is being handled with their health and welfare foremost in everyone's mind.

I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest possible time as to the status of the Commission's investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

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