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Senator Robert Menendez
Senator Frank R. Lautenberg

TO:

Chairman Klein

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

** GRN **

CRC NO: 06-0465

Reyes, EDO

DESC:

ROUTING:

Public Meeting on the Decommissioning of the
Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Site

Reyes
Virgilio
Kane
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Collins, RI
Schultz, OCA

DATE: 09/20/06

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Add Commission on for concurrence.

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ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: SEN Robert Menendez
AFFILIATION: CONG
ADDRESSEE: CHRM Dale Klein
SUBJECT: Request for public meeting on the decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation site

ACTION: Signature of EDO
DISTRIBUTION: RF, OCA to Ack

LETTER DATE: 09/19/2006
ACKNOWLEDGED: No
SPECIAL HANDLING: Commission to review prior to dispatch

NOTES:
FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

DATE DUE: 10/03/2006 **DATE SIGNED:**

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 19, 2006

The Honorable Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein,

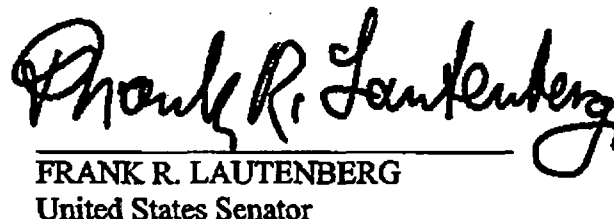
We are writing to ask you to hold a public meeting on the decommissioning of the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) site in Newfield, New Jersey. In the past year, we have been contacted by a number of our constituents, including state and local officials, with concerns about the proposed decommissioning plan, and recent stories in the press have highlighted those concerns. In light of this, we believe the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) should host a public meeting to hear these concerns in advance of the acceptance of any decommissioning plan.

The health and safety of New Jersey's residents are our top priorities, and it is our expectation that the NRC will share those priorities when addressing the closure of the SMC site. The recent news reports indicate that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection does not believe that the proposed plan, to cap the existing slag pile and monitor it for 1,000 years, is appropriately protective of the health of local residents and the well-being of the state of New Jersey. The stories also report on the opposition of Newfield Borough, Franklin and Vineland Townships, and Gloucester County to the plan. We believe it is in the best interests of all involved for the NRC to convene a forum where the plan can be explained and objections can be heard, and that this should happen prior to the start of the official NEPA review process.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,


ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator


FRANK R. LAUTENBERG
United States Senator

cc: Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield
Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko
Commissioner Peter B. Lyons