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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 5, 2006

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

Dear Chairman Klein:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the decommissioning plan recently submitted by the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) regarding its site in Newfield, New Jersey. This plan proposes the consolidation of all radioactive material into a single pile that would be capped, fenced off, and then monitored and maintained for hundreds of years.

The townships of Newfield Borough, Franklin and Vineland, along with the County of Gloucester, all strongly oppose this plan. We agree that the residents of Newfield should not be forced to live in perpetuity with a radioactive dump in their midst that SMC created but does not want to clean up. The area with the contaminated slag pile would be restricted forever, and this is simply unacceptable.

It is in the best interests of the township, the county, and the state of New Jersey to have the radioactive waste removed from the site and disposed of properly in a site designed to handle this kind of material. Allowing the contaminated slag to remain on the property will limit the potential uses of the land and damage the township's future both economically and ecologically. We strongly urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to reject the decommissioning plan proposed by SMC and require the company to take responsibility for the radioactive waste pile it created by cleaning up the site so the entire property can be effectively utilized by the township.

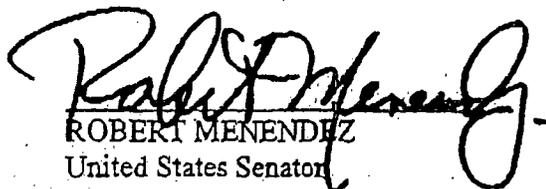
The people of New Jersey should not be forced to accept stockpiles of radioactive waste simply to satisfy the wishes of a company that does not want to pay to cleanup a mess it created. We strongly believe that polluters, not taxpayers, should be forced to deal with the costs and burdens of industrial waste. We are also disappointed that NRC recently allowed an exception to its longstanding prohibition on allowing companies to decommission by leaving materials on site. Allowing SMC to do the same in Newfield would be the start of an unfortunate and disturbing trend, whereby the nuclear industry will learn that they can start leaving radioactive waste in the backyards of American families.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



FRANK R. LAUTENBERG
United States Senator



ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator