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**Remarks Concerning Shieldalloy's
Decommissioning Plan**

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Please accept my thank you to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for holding this public hearing and allowing ample opportunity for those impacted by this odious plan to be heard.

I know many, many people wish to comment, so I will keep my prepared remarks as brief as possible, while still touching on some key considerations which must be brought to the attention of those charged with resolving this storage issue.

For the record, I am Douglas Rainear, Director of the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and am representing our Board and the County's more than 150,000 residents.



Let me be clear and unequivocal concerning our collective distaste for the proposal by Shieldalloy to leave this radioactive waste product in place. This is especially true in light of the fact there are other options at facilities designed to store these materials safely, and, at a price that is not unreasonable when balanced against the hazard they present to this area.

Should this plan be allowed to stand, who is most threatened, besides the residents of the Borough of Newfield in Gloucester County? The answer is the residents of Cumberland County who live downstream in the watershed of the Maurice River.

Let me tell the shills of Shieldalloy we will be unrelenting in our opposition to yet another toxic attack on Cumberland County.

We're damn sick and tired of fending off noxious attempts to use our section of the State of New Jersey as a waste pit for undesirable materials.

For the past 20 years we've been fending off predators who would use and abuse us for their personal profit.

First, an attempt was made to place a hazardous waste dump in Maurice River Township. It did not happen.

Then, there were those who wanted to churn our beautiful Maurice and Cohansey Rivers with barging. It did not happen.

Attempts were made to lure Fairfield Township into accepting a low level radioactive waste dump. It did not happen.

The State even wanted to place sexual predators in Cumberland County. Again, it did not happen.

Now, as we also face down those who want to dump VX nerve gas remnants in the Delaware Bay, we also face this prospect of tainted radioactive soil left upstream.

I tell you, IT WILL NOT HAPPEN !

Tell Shieldalloy to do the right and proper thing, to exercise corporate responsibility, and not waste its time and money on a scheme which we will never accept.

Thank you for your attention.