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To Whom It May Concern:

We write you today to respectfully request a hearing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to object to ShieldAlloy's proposed decommissioning plan. We as representatives of the residents of Newfield and surrounding areas have a sincere concern regarding the large quantities of radioactive contaminated waste remaining at the ShieldAlloy site in Newfield, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

It is our position that the 57,000 cubic meters of radioactively contaminated materials at the SMC site must be disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner, not left in place for over 1,000 years. There are many environmental, monetary and health concerns we have with ShieldAlloy's decommissioning plan. We have raised concerns regarding the 1,000 year time frame in terms of cost to maintain the site because there is no certainty as to what a dollar will be worth in 1,000 years; and have also questioned the testing standards for safety regarding levels of exposure as current guidelines are written for adults, but do not take into consideration children. The NRC's own regulations note that signs, caps and fences should not be relied upon for more than 100 years, yet ShieldAlloy is asking to bury the waste for 1,000 years.

One of the conditions that would preclude issuance of a Long Term Control license is an undue burden on the local community. If issued residents of Newfield would be forced to live with stockpiles of radioactive waste in their backyard for 1,000 years.

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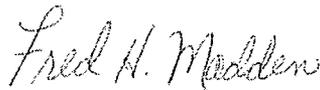
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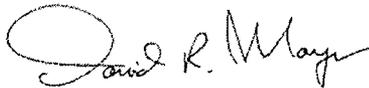
Leaving the slag pile in this small town will devastate its economy and jeopardize the health of the residents. In addition, Newfield will lose any future ratable for the property and local property values will be impacted as well by having a radioactive pile for a neighbor. The residents have been kept out of the decommissioning process through the inadequate availability of public participation.

Throughout the decommissioning process the public has expressed a very strong objection, when given the opportunity, yet the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and ShieldAlloy are continuing with the plan. Again, we strongly object to the decommissioning plan and request a hearing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. If you would like to discuss this request further or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (856)227-5900.

Very truly yours,



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