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February 3, 1994

Mr. Ivan Selin
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Selin:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Mayor Everett Marshall concerning the Shieldalloy site in Newfield, New Jersey.

Please review the concerns raised by Mayor Marshall and advise me on your findings in the matter. Please direct your response to Andrea Edwards at my Barrington office.

Thank you for your assistance in this case.

Sincerely,



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January 20, 1994

Mr. Donald Schneider, Environmental Health Coor.
Gloucester County Health Department
160 Fries Mill Road
Turnersville, NJ 08012

Dear Mr. Schneider:

Recently, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission held a meeting regarding the decommissioning of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Facility.

In addition to the scoping meeting that was held, the governing body of the Borough of Newfield conducted a Town Meeting on January 4, 1994. Mayor and Council as well as the citizens have expressed concerns with respect to health and safety related to the use and storage of materials at this facility.

Have any studies been done to ascertain whether this site has had a direct effect upon the health of the citizens of the Borough of Newfield? It should be noted that a number of years ago, an attempt was made to have a cluster study performed as to the incidents of cancer. Statements have been made by Shieldalloy that the waste accumulation at its site is basically safe. Please provide the documentation to support the claim made by Shieldalloy that there is no danger from the accumulating slag of its business operation. If a report does not exist, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Newfield request the Gloucester County Health Department to conduct a study and forward a copy of the results. Since there is an urgency regarding this matter, your immediate attention is requested.

Thank you for your cooperation. Once again, I would like to stress the importance of this matter and request your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Everett E. Marshall III
Mayor/ Borough of Newfield

cc Council Members
Congressman Hughes
Senator Lautenberg ✓
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission



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Mayor Everett E. Marshall III
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SUBJECT: Superfund Site
Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp.
Newfield

Dear Mayor Marshall:

I received your letter dated 20 January 1994 concerning the above referenced property. I understand from your letter that you, Council and your citizens are concerned with health and safety related to the facility.

There were two previous cancer cluster study requests made by our Department. A study was conducted by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) in 1988. We have requested a copy of the results of the study from the NJDOH.

I requested a second cancer cluster study from NJDOH in 1990. NJDOH sent me a response indicating that an initial study would be conducted through the Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The contact person at the NJDOH has been replaced by Jim Pasqualo. He was not aware of the 1990 study and is reviewing the file for the information.

As soon as we receive any study results, we will forward a copy to you.

Conducting a health study is beyond the scope of our Department. However, the state and federal health agencies are set up for this purpose. Our Department telephoned Mr. Pasqualo to discuss your concerns.

He suggested that we contact ATSDR requesting a study specifically for the chromium and radiation hazards at the site. I have enclosed a copy of our request.



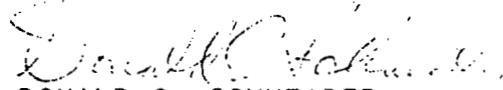
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I will keep you updated on developments related to the facility. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very sincerely yours,



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Environmental Health Coordinator

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