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January 14, 1994

Mr. Michael Weber
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Weber:

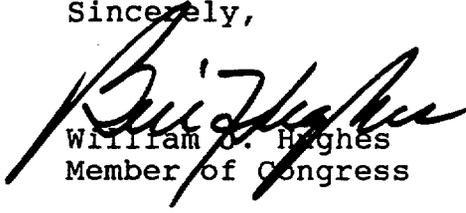
I recently received additional correspondence from constituents regarding their concern over the various proposals offered to deal with the contamination at the Shieldalloy site in Newfield, New Jersey.

I would greatly appreciate it if your office would carefully review these additional letters and make every reasonable effort to insure that my constituents' comments and suggestions receive all appropriate consideration.

Kindly address your reply to my Linwood, New Jersey office.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,


William J. Hughes
Member of Congress

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January 6, 1994

Secretary, U.S. Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

ATTN: Docketing and Services Branch

Re: Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation
Newfield, New Jersey

Dear Secretary:

The City of Vineland is in receipt of a communication from Gary C. Comfort, Project Manager, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, dated November 30, 1993 at which time he invited the City of Vineland to attend a Scoping Process meeting on December 16, 1993 to solicit public input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement regarding the decommissioning of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's facility in Newfield, New Jersey.

Please be advised that the City of Vineland had an identified site remediation project funded through the New Jersey Spill Fund to provide portable water to North Vineland due to contamination by the Shieldalloy facility.

The City of Vineland is currently in the process of having a Diagnostic-Feasibility Study of the Burnt Mill Pond regarding the quality of water in the lake and any impact in the lake from the Shieldalloy facility. The State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy has made files available to Dr. F.X. Browne, Environmentalist, contracted by the City to complete this study.

In addition to the above two areas of impact, we ask that as part of the Scoping Process you take into consideration any yet to be disclosed or released reaction which may be a threat to the Vineland community. Our Health Department Environmental Coordinator is concerned that there may be other areas of impact not disclosed to the City of Vineland and which would present future health concerns to our residents.

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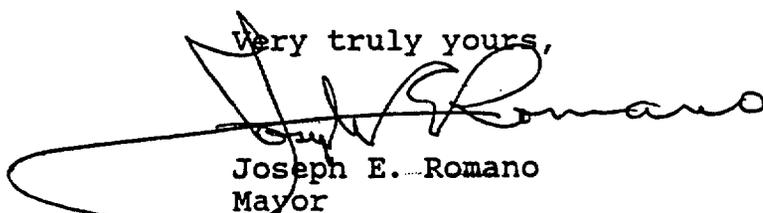
Please be advised that, as a contiguous neighbor to the Shieldalloy site, the City of Vineland has a responsibility to its residents in the area to request that the NRC not be short sighted in its investigation of the potential impact that this site represents not only to Newfield but to Vineland as well. Environmental issues do not respect boundary lines.

In the past, the City of Vineland has been negatively affected by operations at the Shieldalloy site via air and ground water pollution incidents which have transcended the political and geographical boundaries separating the two communities.

We ask that as part of the Scoping Process that as the Federal agencies considering the potential impact associated with the radioactive waste materials stored on-site that you would join with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and other Federal and State regulatory agencies in providing a "comprehensive" environmental risk assessment of this site's past, present and future impacts on the health and safety of our residents.

In closing, we ask that you consider all the concerns expressed in this letter. These statements should be included in your comprehensive health assessment of Shieldalloy's facility with regard to the environmental and other health risks to the City of Vineland.

Very truly yours,



Joseph E. Romano
Mayor

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cc - Representative William Hughes
Gary C. Comfort, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
City Council
Linda Dechen
Louis Cresci
George Sartorio
Dr. F.X. Browne
Agency for Toxic Substances
and Disease Registry Representatives
Lisa Serfling
Bud Cann

Congressman William Hughes
222 New Rd.
Linwood, NJ 08221

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Dear Congressman Hughes,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that we sent to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission concerning our opinion about the radioactive slag piles at Shieldalloy in Newfield, NJ. If there is anything you can do to help with our concerns we would appreciate it. We have encouraged our neighbors to also write to the NRC with their opinions. Thank you.

Sincerely

John & Bernice Quinn
3595 N Chest Ave.
Vineland, NJ 08360

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Jan 10, 1994

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to you concerning the radioactive slag piles located at Shieldalloy in Newfield, NJ. Our home is approximately 1/2 mile southwest of the Shieldalloy plant. In 1986 we discovered that our private well was contaminated with volatile organic chemicals (VOC's) that we suspect Shieldalloy of causing. We were forced to connect to city water after living here 18 years. We know that you are considering Shieldalloy's licence renewal and we strongly urge you to force Shieldalloy to clean up the radioactive slag by removing it to an approved site in Utah. We do not want the company to "cap" the slag piles with clay because it still can leach down into the Cohansey Aquifer that runs beneath their plant. It will then contaminate the water and be able to travel off site as the VOC's did. We are worried that

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Shieldalloy may shut down its site here and not be forced to clean up the slag if they do not like your decision. We feel that Shieldalloy caused this problem and enjoyed the profits from their years of irresponsibility. They should now have to clean up the environment that they contaminated. In January of 1990 it was reported in our local newspaper that a city well located near us exceeded radium levels and we fear that this could be the start of a big problem. Please do not allow Shieldalloy to continue to pollute!

Sincerely,

Bernice D. Quinn
John P. Quinn Sr.

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January 5, 1994

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sirs:

We live within two miles of Shieldalloy Corporation in Newfield, NJ. In July, 1987 our water was found to have contaminates and at that time we were asked to change to Vineland City Water. Our wells were no longer able to be used for any purpose.

We strongly urge you to have Shieldalloy Corporation to follow your policy of transporting slag to federally approved facilities. We feel this would be in the best interest of the families in the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mr. & Mrs. Otto Zaak

CC: Congressman William Hughes

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