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Dear N.R.C.:

I wish to comment on the new rules for shipping spent nuclear fuel which became effective as of July 16, 1979.

First, I am glad that local communities still have a say about the passage of radicactive materials through their areas. Also, I am very glad a federal agency is being notified of spent fuel shipments and can set route restrictions.

However, I feel the new rules would be better if it was required that local authorities also be notified of each shipment of nuclear waste. Too, I think that proposed routes should be publicized and comments allowed before the route is approved. Further, there should be a way for public hearings to be held about the route before it is approved if citizens or governments along the route of shipment so desire.

Also, I believe the shipper should prepare emergency response plans for accidents that could occur along the highway. These plans should be approved by the NRC before the waste is shipped.

Lastly, I feel all shipments of spent nuclear fuel should be stopped until they can be sent to a place for permanent and safe disposal. I do not think any such disposal site has yet been demonstrated.

I write as a citizen of Central Pennsylvania and a mother of five children who is concerned with the effects of radiation upon the human race.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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