

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

It has come to my attention that nuclear waste materials have possibly been, and are being, transported down Route 209 between Interstates 81 and 84 in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in my Congressional District. Route 209 is a narrow, winding highway which has been described by Federal and State highway officials as the most unsafe highway in Pennsylvania. In 1974 it was estimated that one accident occurred every 48 hours on this road. Over 8,800 vehicles travel the road daily, including private passenger automobiles, school buses and interstate truck traffic. Unfortunately, the road has become a connecting route for the interstate system and bears largely interstate traffic. Local and Federal officials have been attempting to achieve construction of a safe replacement highway; however, due to the present financial condition of the State of Pennsylvania, these efforts have not met with great success.

In the meantime, it is extremely distressing to my constituents to hear rumors that nuclear waste may be carried in by interstate truck traffic moving down the road. You may recall earlier this year an unfortunate mishap involving a truck carrying nuclear waste occurred in my Congressional District on Interstate 81. The prospect of a similar accident on Route 209 is potentially disastrous.

I hope the NRC has had the good judgment not to allow transport of nuclear waste down this dangerous stretch of road. I am requesting that you determine immediately whether permission has been granted for transportation of nuclear waste on Route 209. Your expeditious response is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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