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Incoming: Senator George Mitchell

From: Constituent referral from McKie Roth

To: Carl Kammerer, OCA Date 7/30/80

Subject: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Comments on proposed Maine Yankee spent fuel pool

- Prepare reply for signature of:
- Chairman \_\_\_\_\_
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For direct reply\* Suspense: Aug. 15

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GEORGE J. MITCHELL  
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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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July 30, 1980

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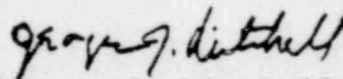
Dear Sir:

I wish to bring to your attention the enclosed letter which I have received from McKie W. Roth, Jr.

I would like to express my interest in this case and request an explanation of the contents so that I may further respond to this inquiry.

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

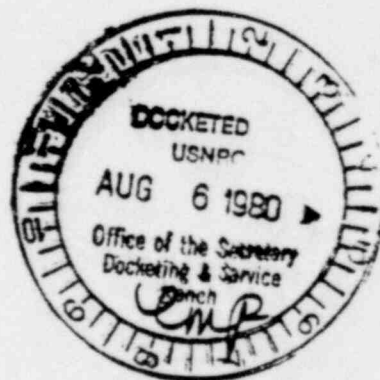
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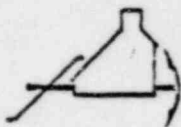
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United States Senator

Enclosure

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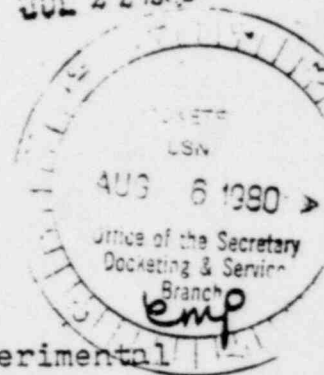


McKIE WING ROTH JR.

DESIGNER  
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July 3, 1980



Senator George Mitchell  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Mitchell:

Perhaps you are aware that CMP is planning an experimental high-level nuclear waste storage scheme in Wiscasset, and final hearings are to take place on their proposal immediately after the Nuclear Referendum in Sept. If you are not up on this matter, here is a brief rundown: The spent fuel pool at Maine Yankee was originally designed to hold a maximum of 159 metric tons of heavy metal (spent fuel). They have now suggested storing up to 772 metric tons (5 times as much as original specs.) in that same pool. To do this, they plan to use an experimental means of compacting the rods. Each fuel assembly (a fuel rod assembly weighs about  $\frac{1}{2}$  metric ton) will be dismantled by remote control, and each rod will be placed in new assemblies, in a tighter formation. To quote CMP's 1979 10-K report: "The modification of this capacity proposed by the Company differs from designs heretofore implemented at other nuclear facilities but is essentially the same basic concept of more compact storage in the existing spent fuel pool."

I don't think Maine should be designated a proving ground for high-level nuclear experiments by the nuclear industry, and I am appealing to you for help on this matter.

I have many reasons to believe the NRC is an ally of Maine Yankee first and a protector of the public safety second. The NRC will be making the decision on this matter. I urge you to look into the matter for the sake of all of your constituents.

Most Respectfully,

McKie W. Roth, Jr.

I can't tell you how pleased I am that you were selected to be our Senator, upon Sen. Muskie's appointment to Sec'y of State.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document(s) upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Office of the Secretary of the Commission in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.712 of 10 CFR Part 2 - Rules of Practice, of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of aug 1980.

Reggie T. Downing  
Office of the Secretary of the Commission



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