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Dear Mr. Dirks:

We in Vermont, both those in government and ordinary citizens, have been trying to see that state authorities should control the shipment of radioactive wastes through our state. I am informed that now all such regulations may stem from the federal government. In a way it makes good sense as most such trips would be "in interstate commerce" and all states should benefit from safeguards.

I hope you will pardon me, however, if I suggest the criteria that we Vermonters would consider adequate.

1. Notice should be given to state officials at least two working days in advance of shipment so that they may inform local officials.

2. Notification should include all radioactive wastes except those with very low radioactivity (e.g. hospital wastes).

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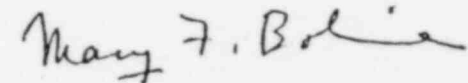
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3. Notification should include not only the date of shipment but also the exact route and scheduled times for specific points along the route, and accurate description of the route and an emergency contact.

4. Notification should not prevent state officials from passing on the information to local authorities or interested individuals.

We like to think of Vermont as "God's own country" but recognize the need for regulations to protect our health and safety.

Sincerely yours,



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