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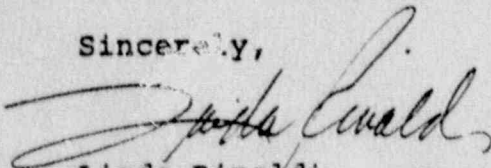
Dear Regulatory Commission:

I am writing to express my concern about the Energy Department's attempt to lower the standards for plutonium air transport flights between foreign countries through U.S. airspace.

Senator Murkowski's amendment (NUREG 0360) should not be weakened by substituting less stringent standards. Our experience with inadequate enforcement and regulations remains clear in our memories. Every effort to ensure safety must be made. At a minimum that should include codification of the amendment which was the result of our political process. That should take precedence over the departmental substitution of weaker regulations.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed action to substitute the weaker standards.

Sincerely,



Linda Rinaldi

cc: Senator Frank Murkowski

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