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April 28, 1993

Mr. Ivan Selin
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to investigate a situation regarding potential radioactive contamination stemming from a medical manufacturing plant in Cleveland, Ohio. We are deeply concerned about the health and safety of area residents who may have been and may continue to be exposed to harmful contamination from this site.

As we understand it, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District has filed a lawsuit against Advanced Medical Systems, a maker of cancer-treatment equipment, for contaminating a local sewer treatment plant with cobalt-60. Apparently, NRC's own records show cobalt-60 contamination in the medical manufacturer's own building and surrounding area.

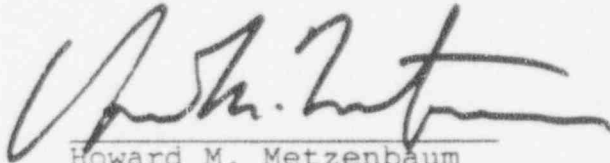
Cobalt-60, a radioactive isotope, has been linked to cancer and other serious health problems. Yet every day, schoolchildren walk past the medical plant in Cleveland. A playground and swimming pool are within a block of the contaminated site. Obviously, it is also disturbing that radioactive contamination at the sewer plant was at high enough levels to require a multi-million dollar cleanup.

Local officials and concerned area residents have raised serious questions about the extent of the contamination and the actual dangers posed by it. According to Cleveland officials, the NRC never notified the City of this potentially hazardous situation. They have also expressed concern about the NRC's

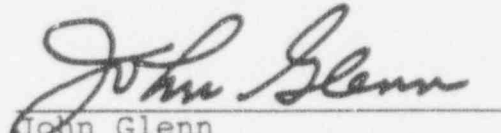
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ability to adequately regulate the safe handling of cobalt-60.
We believe these concerns are legitimate and respectfully ask
that you personally look into the situation and report back to us
your findings as quickly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard M. Metzenbaum
United States Senator



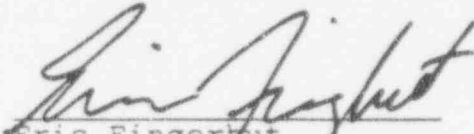
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