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(58FR 62384)

Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Docketing and Services Branch
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Decommissioning of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Facility in Cambridge, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This letter is submitted to express the support of the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, Guernsey County, Ohio for on-site stabilization of and disposal of the low-level radioactive slag that exists at this facility.

It is our understanding from the information provided at the December 13, 1993 Public Scoping Meeting in Byesville, Ohio that the contaminated slag has been on site for more than twenty years. We further understand that the level of radioactivity is only slightly elevated and is less of a threat to health than smoking tobacco. Additionally, the slag may be leach resistant which would appear to substantially further reduce a minimally existing danger.

It was interesting to note during the meeting on December 13 that virtually none of the opponents to SMC's proposal are from this area or have any type of vested interest whatsoever in Guernsey County, Ohio. Conversely, those of us who are residents of Cambridge and Byesville and who would be most in harm's way if a danger did exist do not believe the slag constitutes a real danger.

SMC is currently developing a business plan to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It appears that if SMC is required to decommission the slag piles in any method beyond the least cost on-site method the Cambridge facility will close and some one hundred jobs will be lost. This will truly be devastating to the area -- more so than any low levels of contamination that have been here over twenty years with no known harmful impact.

We urge the NRC to allow on-site disposal at the Cambridge Shieldalloy facility.

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