

FEBRUARY 7, 1994

IVAN SELIN  
CHAIRMAN  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

DEAR CHAIRMAN SELIN,

WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND ME YOUR AGENCY'S STANCE ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE OF NEW MEXICO AND THE MINNESOTA-BASED NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A "PRIVATE" MONITORED RETRIEVABLE STORAGE FACILITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL WASTE?

THIS PROSPECT CONCERNS ME GREATLY. DOES THIS MEAN THERE WILL BE NO FEDERAL OVERSIGHT AND LICENSING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CASKS, ROUTES, AND THE MRS FACILITY ITSELF?

SURELY THERE IS AN OVER-RIDING PUBLIC SAFETY INTEREST THAT DEMANDS ACTION AND APPROVAL BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES.

I STAND OPPOSED TO THIS ATTEMPT TO PRIVATIZE NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL AND THUS AVOID STRINGENT SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,  
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