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The Honorable Lando W. Zech, Jr. Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Zech,

Many of the residents of Greater Cleveland have expressed grave concern over an area in Newburgh Heights known as the Bert Avenue Site. This is a large slag dump that includes tons of soil containing radioactive waste. I share that concern.

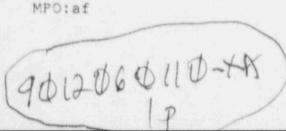
Local officials inform me that large piles of apparently radioactive soil are stored near garages, backyards and a public playground. The dump site itself is neither properly secured nor adequately marked as a hazardous area. Recently, children were discovered playing football within the contaminated area.

It is essential that steps be taken to inform the public about the nature and scope of the problem that exists at the Bert Avenue Site and that appropriate measures be taken to secure and to neutralize the hazard that exists there. I would appreciate it if you could inform my office of whatever steps have been taken and what measures are contemplated to indeed inform residents of the situation and to render the site harmless to the surrounding community.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please contact Andy Fedynsky of my district office staff should you require additional information or assistance.

Sincerely

ROSE OAKAR Member of Congress



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