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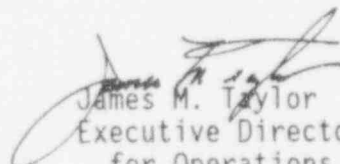
Dear Senator Lautenberg:

I am responding to your letter, dated April 26, 1994, to the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in which you requested that NRC review concerns raised by residents living near the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation facility in Newfield, New Jersey. NRC is currently evaluating comments on the proposed scope of an NRC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the disposition of radioactive waste at this facility. Our evaluation includes consideration of the concerns in your letter, raised by the residents, and by others. Within the next month, we intend to issue a scoping summary report that carefully considers and responds to each comment on the proposed scope of the EIS. NRC will mail a copy of the scoping summary report to all individuals who submitted comments, in writing, or orally, at the public scoping meeting, which was held on December 16, 1993, in Newfield, and to any other individuals who have expressed an interest in this action.

NRC expects to complete its technical review of the proposed action and to issue a draft EIS in early 1995. Our schedule has been delayed, somewhat, from our original plans, to allow coordination among participating agencies and to ensure thorough consideration of comments on the proposed scope. When the draft EIS is published, NRC will again invite public comments on the draft EIS. A final decision on the proposed action will not be made until our review of any new comments is completed. NRC does not anticipate completing the EIS until early 1996.

I trust this reply responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,


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