



City of Chicopee
Joseph J. Chessey, Jr.
Mayor

December 20, 1991

Ivan Selin, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Selin:

I want to take this opportunity to inform you of my dissatisfaction with the handling of a recent nuclear fuel accident that occurred on Interstate 91 in Springfield, Massachusetts on December 16, 1991. This accident involved a shipment of 11,000 pounds of nuclear reactor fuel bound for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant.

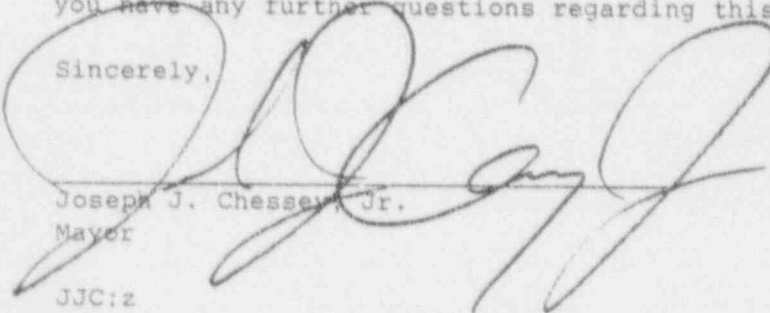
I am completely outraged and insulted that, after the clean-up efforts were completed, federal, state and local officials made a decision, without my input, to store this fuel at Westover Air Force Base here in Chicopee, Massachusetts. I was informed at approximately 3:30 p.m. on December 16, 1991, by the Mayor of Springfield, Massachusetts, Mary Hurley, that Westover AFB had been chosen and the trucks carrying the nuclear fuel were en route to our city.

You can well imagine that this late notification did not allow for a proper timetable for our city's public safety task force to prepare for such a dangerous situation. The transportation of these hazardous materials through the city streets at such a busy time of the afternoon put a large number of Chicopee residents in a very dangerous position.

At this time, I ask that this matter be completely reviewed. Communication on this clean-up effort was non-existent as far as I am concerned, and it is my hope that this situation be addressed so that any similar problem which may occur in the future be handled in a better and safer manner.

I thank you for your time, and look forward to receiving your response. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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