

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

August 4, 1997

Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Ms. Jackson:

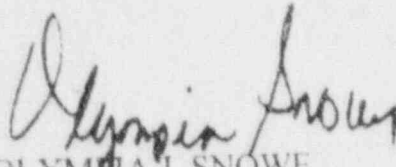
We are writing to express our concerns with regard to the pending decommissioning of the Maine Yankee nuclear plant in Wiscasset, Maine. As you may know, the board of directors of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company announced Friday that negotiations for a possible purchase of the plant had failed, and they will vote this week to make the closure of the facility permanent and proceed with decommissioning.

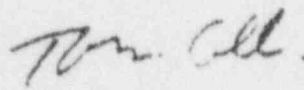
As NRC addresses the issue of decommissioning, we want to make you aware of our firm belief that public health and safety must be of paramount concern. We are committed to ensuring the well-being both now and in the future, of the people of Maine, particularly those who are in close proximity to the facility.

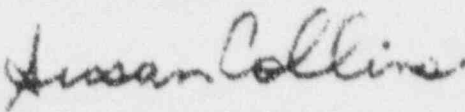
We request a meeting with you in September when Congress reconvenes and we are back in Washington, so we can discuss the NRC's role in the oversight of the decommissioning process. We intend to closely monitor this situation and work closely with officials of the NRC in the coming months.


Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
OLYMPIA J. SNOWE  
United States Senator

  
THOMAS H. ALLEN  
Member of Congress

  
SUSAN M. COLLINS  
United States Senator

  
JOHN E. BALDACCI  
Member of Congress

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