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## United States Senate

### MEMORANDUM

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is letter expressing concern over the possibility of leakage at Point Beach. Would you please send me supporting materials which would help me in answering this letter?

Thanks.

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JULY 11, 1983

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DEAR CONGRESSMAN Glenn, Subcom

I AM GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION OF THE GREAT LAKES. IN AN ARTICLE IN THE MILWAUKEE SENTINEL (WISCONSIN) DATED JULY 8, 1983 SOME DETAILS OF NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE OF WISCONSIN ELECTRIC COMPANY ARE GIVEN.

THE POINT I WISH TO MAKE, IS THAT A SMALL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT THE POINT BEACH NUCLEAR SITE IN WISCONSIN WOULD CAUSE A LARGE PROBLEM. ANY LEAK THERE WOULD CAUSE THE CONTAMINATION OF THE WATER IN LAKE MICHIGAN, LAKE HURON, LAKE ERIE, LAKE ONTARIO, AND THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY.

A COPY OF THE ARTICLE AND A COPY OF WHERE THE NUCLEAR SITE ARE ENCLOSED.

SINCERELY,  
Gary D. Jaeger  
GARY D. JAEGER

# MILWAUKEE SENTINEL

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Friday morning, July 8, 1983

## A-waste shipments scheduled in state

*Special to The Sentinel  
and Sentinel staff writer*

**Manitowoc** — Large quantities of high-level nuclear waste are going to be trucked through Wisconsin starting later this month to the Point Beach nuclear power plant, a spokesman for Wisconsin Electric Power Co. said Thursday.

WEPCO spokesman Rick Janka said 109 fuel assemblies will be coming from a storage facility in Illinois and 114 from a facility in New York. Each assembly weighs about 25 tons, Janka said.

Janka said there was no way to estimate the exact amount of material in each assembly because he said that each one carried different amounts.

Janka said that spent nuclear fuel was taken out of Point Beach in the mid-1970s and stored in Morris, Ill., near Joliet, and West Valley, N.Y., near Buffalo. The fuel is being taken back to the plant at Two Creeks to be stored there.

Each assembly will be carried by a semitrailer truck, Janka said, but he

added, "It's not going to be a caravan or anything like that. It will be spread out."

Janka said there were three reasons for bringing the fuel back to Wisconsin: The company now has the necessary storage space at Point Beach, reprocessing for reuse is now extremely unlikely and storage costs are lower at Point Beach.

Kathy Zanio, a spokeswoman for the anti-nuclear Mobilization for Survival, said her group was very

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Mobilization for Survival has about 3,000 members in southeastern Wisconsin, Zanio said.

Janka said fuel storage in the General Electric Corp.-owned facility in Illinois was never intended to be permanent.

He said WEPCO decided to bring the spent fuel back from New York when the State of New York, which owns the West Valley facility, decided it wanted to "clean it up."

Janka said the US Department of Energy will be using the New York facility for some form of experimentation.

Janka said the shipments from Morris will be coming up I-94 to I-43 through the city of Milwaukee. They will continue up I-43 to Highway 147, then east to Highway 163 and then north to Nuclear Road and east to the plant.

The shipping route had to be approved by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said NRC spokesman Frank Ingram.

Ingram also said that shipping spent fuel was unusual. He estimated it is done no more than "a couple of hundred times a year in the entire United States."

No specific dates for the shipments could be released, Janka said.

He said storing the fuel in New York and Illinois allowed the company to rebuild and expand its "storage pools" for the fuel. Janka said each pool looks like a large concrete swimming pool.

He said the company now has enough storage capacity to last until 1993, including the fuel assemblies to be shipped.

He also said the company is taking precautions to protect the waste during shipment.

"It's in a very heavy, heavily protected cask which is 16 to 18 feet long, lying on the flatbed of the truck," he said. "It's surrounded by a sort of a grating, which gives a cage-like effect. Plus, there are bumpers on both ends of it, so it almost looks like a huge barbell on the truck."

Janka did acknowledge that the spent fuel is highly radioactive, but said even if there was an accident there would be no major danger. He also said WEPCO has never had an accident while shipping radioactive materials.

He said the shipping assemblies were the same ones in which the fuel was shipped out. He said they were designed to survive intact in any kind of accident, ranging from a fender-bender to a train collision.

Zanio disputed that, saying that the fuel is dangerous.

## Nuclear waste being returned

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concerned about WEPCO's plans.

"What we have to do right now is get the exact data on the shipments and the official date of shipment," Zanio said. "But, I can say that everyone who lives along the route who is concerned about nuclear power will probably participate in some kind of action."





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