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

Transport of Used Steam Generators from Ginna Plant

Dear Chairman Jackson:


This week, I received in the mail from an anonymous individual the following information, which I am passing on to you for appropriate action (full text follows):

I know you have an interest in shipping radioactive materials--- how they are transported. Before, in this country, old reactor components like steam generators were shipped filled with solid concrete and welded closed so the radioactive materials could not be released. Now at the Ginna plant they are not going to do that. They are just shipping the steam generators without an NRC certificate for the package. They need to get exemptions from the Department of Transportation. It all has to be done using exemptions.

As you know, the Nuclear Control Institute has concentrated on safe and secure transport of weapons-usable fissile materials, but we are also interested in ensuring adequate protection of all radioactive transports from accident and sabotage risks. I would appreciate, therefore, if you would look into this matter and let me know whether the above information is accurate and, if so, whether it applies only to the Ginna plant or more generally.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Paul Leventhal

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