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Chairwoman Shirley Jackson
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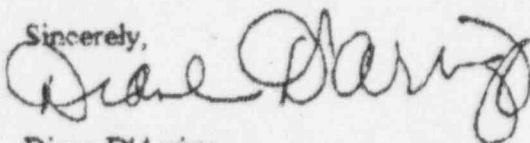
Dear Chairwoman Jackson:

Nuclear Information and Resource Service supports the request of local residents in the vicinity of the Shieldalloy radioactive waste site in Ohio for a 45 day postponement of the Cambridge hearing and a 180-day of the comment period on the DEIS on the Decommissioning of the site. This enable them to more fully review new, extremely lengthy documents that have just arrived in the local Public Document Room THIS WEEK.

We understand the urgency the NRC feels about completing work on the Site Decommissioning Management Sites, which are setting many precedents for future decommissionings. Don't let denial of adequate time for absorption of information and meaningful local participation be one of those precedents.

Please extend the comment period and reschedule the public hearing to allow the affected communities to participate.

Sincerely,



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