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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 1, 1980

John F. Ahearne, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Ahearne:

I am writing concerning Maine Yankee's application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a nuclear waste storage permit on site in Wiscasset.

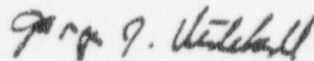
A number of constituents have written to me expressing concern with Maine Yankee's proposal. I am enclosing a copy of one letter I have received which represents these concerns.

I would appreciate your supplying me with full briefing materials on this situation including the materials cited in my constituent's letter so that I can most effectively address my constituents' concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



George J. Mitchell  
United States Senator

Enclosure

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Senator William Cohen  
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Representative Olympia Snowe  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressmen:

On November 23rd, 1975, two native sons of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, ex-Congressman Stanley L. Tupper and David C. Miller Co-Counsel of Washington, D. C. intervened against Maine Yankee's application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a permit to store 1545 waste fuel rods on site in Wiscasset. We thought this proposal of Maine Yankee's most unacceptable.

On October 2, 1980, (nine days after the referendum) Maine Yankee asked the N. R. C. for a permit for life-time waste fuel storage on site, increasing the risk of radiation accident, which we consider even less acceptable, because we are literally trapped down here on the end of this 12 mile long peninsula and evacuation impossible.

Consider summertime population close to 100,000 people; you would never get out of the parking lot or your own driveway. Also consider the nearly 7,000 year round residents trying to get up Route 27 in a winter blizzard. (See Attorney Rogovin's report and recommendations to the N. R. C. regarding these specific conditions.)

There is already 300 tons of waste fuel stored at Maine Yankee. By the year 2008 there will be over 1500 tons. Think of it!

Don't forget there are 160,000 residents in the State of Maine in favor of closing Maine Yankee. There are a great many more now against life-time storage in Wiscasset.

We sent you to Washington to represent us, so we are asking you to represent us to the fullest of your capacity within the power of your office regarding this issue.

As long time voting Republicans, we beseech you to take the responsibility of protecting the safety, health and welfare of your constituents, and the interests of the State of Maine, by urging our Attorney General to intervene, and the U. S. C. to refuse a permit for Maine Yankee's preposterous proposal of October 9, 1980.

Sincerely

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