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The Honorable Lee Hamilton
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The Honorable Brent Scowcroft
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The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Co-Chairman
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The Honorable Phil Sharp
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Dear Chairman Hamilton, Chairman Scowcroft, Commissioner Meserve, Commissioner Sharp
and Members of the Commission:

The Radiation Control Program is located within the Maine CDC, under the Department of Health and Human Services. We are the agency primarily responsible for the coordination of the Maine Yankee oversight.

The key Maine issues regarding the oversight of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) are:

- \$220,000 paid annually for State oversight divided among the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of the Public Advocate.
- \$185 million of outstanding fees to be paid to the Nuclear Waste Fund.
- Continued operating costs of the ISFSI paid by Maine utility ratepayers.
- Impact on local resources that would not be necessary if the waste was removed.

Nationally the issues of concern are:

- A viable path forward to a high level waste site.
- Large continuing costs for litigation and minimal money being spent on resolution.
- Spent fuel being stored next to rivers and oceans.

A successful path forward from this point will include reprocessing to reuse the usable materials and decrease the amount of time the waste will need to be isolated from the biosphere as well as interim centralized storage to minimize the financial impact to the taxpayers and ratepayers of the United States.

Respectfully Submitted,

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