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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2107

January 10, 2000

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I am writing to request a copy of a year 2000 (Y2K) security advisory issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on December 21, 1999 to operators of nuclear power reactors. As a member of the Commerce Committee and Energy and Power Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction for oversight of the NRC, I have been involved in efforts to secure the nation's commercial nuclear power facilities. I have communicated recently with the NRC on several safety-related issues at commercial nuclear facilities including: Y2K readiness of security systems and counter-terrorism programs by the licensees of nuclear facilities.

I am interested in obtaining of copy of this security advisory, since it may provide better insight into the content of security-related information disseminated from the NRC to licensees. In particular, I would like to gain better insight on how the NRC dealt with the perceived threat of domestic terrorism surrounding the start of the new millennium. I am also interested in understanding how the NRC communicates security-related matters to operators of licensed facilities in general.

I understand that a member of my staff has discussed this request with Dennis Rathbun, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs of the NRC. He indicated that a written request should be used to obtain this document, since it may contain sensitive security material. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in providing this information. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Greg Jaczko or Mr. Jeff Duncan at 225-2836 in my office.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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