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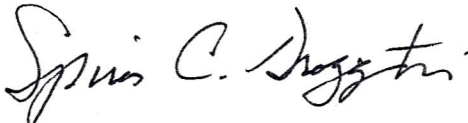
The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Graham:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 15, 2010, regarding Aiken Technical College's proposal for the Nuclear Maintenance Technical Education (NMTEP) program. In your letter, you presented information about the goals for a nuclear workforce development program at Aiken Technical College and requested full and fair consideration of the grant application.

Within the NRC, the appropriate program and contract offices are carefully reviewing the grant applications for this year. Each application will be evaluated for its ability to support courses, studies, training, curricula, and disciplines relevant to the nuclear industry via a sustainable educational infrastructure. We appreciate your interest and the past participation of Aiken Technical College in programs to train and develop the next generation nuclear workforce. It is anticipated that the NRC will award funds by March 2011; we will inform your office if an award is made within your state.

Sincerely,

  
Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

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## UNITED STATES SENATE

December 15, 2010

Mr. Gregory Jaczko  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852-2746

Dear Mr. Jaczko:

I understand that you will soon be making decisions on grant awards. Aiken Technical College (Aiken, South Carolina) has submitted a proposal to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's *Nuclear Maintenance Technical Education (NMTEP)* program. I believe this to be a worthy project and I would ask that you give it full consideration under all appropriate guidelines and regulations.

Aiken Technical College proposes to address current documented nuclear workforce needs by designing and implementing a permanent nuclear maintenance certificate program for undergraduate students. Funding from the NMTEP program will provide training for critical workers in the Savannah River area of South Carolina and Georgia, an area whose economy is centered on two power plants currently licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Plant Vogtle and the V.C. Summer Station. The area also includes the NRC-regulated Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site. Aiken Technical College hopes to design and implement a nuclear maintenance certificate within the college's existing Applied Science/Industrial Technology degree program. The certificate program will consist of a minimum of 18 credits and the college hopes to produce ten to twelve graduates per year starting in 2013.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lindsey O. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator