

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am forwarding the enclosed "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year 2018." This submission is in accordance with Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended (Public Law 93-438), and the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66), which require the NRC to identify and report abnormal occurrences (AOs) to Congress annually. An AO is an unscheduled incident or event that the Commission determines to be significant from the standpoint of public health or safety.

~~The NRC initially issued the AO criteria in a policy statement that the Commission published in the *Federal Register* (FR) on February 24, 1977 (42 FR 10950). The criteria were revised several times in subsequent years. The most recent revision to the AO criteria, published in the *Federal Register* on October 2, 2017 (82 FR 45907), established the criteria that the NRC uses to define AOs for the purpose of the enclosed report, as set forth in Appendix A to that report.~~

The enclosed AO report for fiscal year 2018 describes three events involving NRC licensees and eight events involving Agreement State licensees. Nine AOs were medical events, as defined in NRC regulations, one AO occurred during radiography operations, and one AO pertains to a stolen industrial radiography camera.

[Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776, if you have any questions or need more information.](#)

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:  
As stated

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