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Dr. Richard Meserve, Chairman
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Dear Dr. Meserve:

I am writing to follow up on a May 4, 2001 meeting I had with a group of elected officials from my district to talk about the license amendment for the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power plant in Wake County, North Carolina.

One subject of concern raised during the meeting was the extent to which the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) considers terrorist threats in its decision making processes. The group brought to my attention a February 3, 1999 memo to William Travers, Executive Director of Operations at the NRC from Captain David Orrik, a Security Specialist for the Office of Nuclear Regulation (NRR). This memo details Captain Orrik's concerns with the status of the Operations Safeguards Response Evaluation (OSRE) Program.

I would like an update from you on the status of the OSRE program and Captain Orrik's concerns about it. In addition, I would like you to provide me with information detailing how the NRC evaluates risks from terrorism and how the agency incorporates such risks into its decision making processes. Finally, please provide me with a detailed description of the standards which nuclear facilities must meet to ensure their ability to repel a terrorist attack and the manner in which the NRC evaluates the preparedness of such facilities.

I know you agree that it is extremely important for the NRC to be able to credibly ensure that licensed nuclear facilities are safe from terrorist attack. Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Price".

DAVID PRICE
Member of Congress

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