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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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May 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: SENATE ENERGY COMMITTEE HEARING ON NATIONAL ENERGY
POLICY AND PRICE-ANDERSON ACT RENEWAL

On May 24, 2001, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the Administration's National Energy Policy report and on renewal of the Price-Anderson Act. Senator Frank Murkowski (R-AK) chaired the hearing. The National Energy Policy portion of the hearing was supposed to have been held on May 23 but because of scheduling difficulties, was postponed until May 24.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham presented an overview of the Administration's National Energy Policy report - - explaining that a balance must be struck between increasing energy production and energy conservation. With regard to nuclear, he said nuclear power must be part of the future energy mix and the Administration supports renewing the Price-Anderson Act.

Again, because of schedule conflicts and events surrounding the party switch by Senator James Jeffords (VT), the Committee was unable to receive oral testimony from the witnesses for the Price-Anderson portion of the hearing. At the direction of Senator Murkowski, witnesses filed their written statements and were told to expect questions for the record.

A copy of the complete witness list is attached. Copies of the written statements are also attached. No written statement was provided for Ms. Anna Aurilio of the National Association of State Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG).

Attachments:
As stated

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WITNESS LIST

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources United States Senate

To receive testimony on the Administration's National Energy Policy report, and to receive testimony on the Price-Anderson Act provisions of pending energy legislation, including S. 388, the National Energy Security Act of 2001; S. 472, Nuclear Energy Electricity Supply Assurance Act of 2001; and S. 597, the Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act of 2001.

**Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 106
Thursday, May 24th, 2001
9:30 a.m.**

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