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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

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June 5, 2001

Chairman Richard A. Meserve
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

Thank you for appearing before the Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on May 8, 2001. We appreciate your testimony regarding oversight of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Your testimony was helpful and we know that your input will prove valuable as the Subcommittee continues its work on this important topic.


Enclosed are **additional** questions for the hearing record that have been submitted by Senator Voinovich. These questions are in addition to the ones submitted earlier by Senator Reid, Senator Corzine, and Senator Clinton. Please submit your answers by COB Friday, June 29, 2001 to the attention of Jim Qualters, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, 415 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. In addition, please provide the Committee with a copy of your answers via electronic mail to James_Qualters@epw.senate.gov or on a 3.5 inch disk in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format. To facilitate the publication of the record, please reproduce the questions with your responses.

Again, thank you for your assistance. Please contact Andrew Wheeler at (202) 224-0146 or Kirsten Cutler at (202) 224-4041 if you have questions. We look forward to reviewing your answers.

Sincerely,



Joseph Lieberman
Ranking Member



George Voinovich
Chairman

Additional Questions to the NRC from
Chairman Voinovich

- NRR 1. The NRC did a great job processing the first two license renewal applications at Calvert Cliffs and Oconee within the planned time. However you are receiving multiple application and I expect you will be receiving even more. What steps are you taking to ensure that you can process them all without creating a bottleneck at the NRC. Are there any lessons you learned in the first two applications which will allow the NRC and the applicants not to reinvent the wheel for each review?

2. In a letter from a Dr. Edward Silberstein from the Department of Nuclear Medicine at University Hospital in Cincinnati. He states:

NMSS "Currently amendments to 10 CFR Part 35 are before OMB for review. In my opinion the proposed NRC regulations add to the cost of health care without improving patient safety. These new NRC regulations will unnecessarily increase my work burden and thus increase the costs to patients who benefit from the more than 13 million procedures (such as cardiac stress tests, lung scans for pulmonary embolism and bone scans for cancer) we perform annually using radioactive materials regulated by the NRC"

Could you comment on this, I also understand that the NRC ignored the advice of the National Academy of Science-Institute of Medicine. Could you also comment on this.

- NRR 3. What can Congress and the NRC do to encourage more generation from our existing nuclear fleet?

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QUESTION 6. Congressional questions are assigned to various offices for preparation of the answers.

(A) What is the typing format for responding to Congressional questions?

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