MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve

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Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director /s/ Linda Portner for /RA/

Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF SENATOR JIM JEFFORDS AS NEW CHAIR OF

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The attached press release was issued by Senator Jeffords' (I-VT) office following his July 17, 2001, press conference as the new Chairman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Although the subcommittees have not been reorganized at this time, we understand that the Democrats would like to move NRC jurisdiction into the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, which will be chaired by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV).

## Attachment:

As stated

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