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Request a Description of What Measures the NRC is  
Taking for Increased Security Procedures at the  
Nuclear Power Plants, Including Those in the  
Process of Decommissioning

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**SUBJECT:** Request a description of what measures the NRC is taking for increased security procedures at the nuclear power plants, including those in the process of decommissioning

**ACTION:** Signature of Chairman  
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October 9, 2001

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve  
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

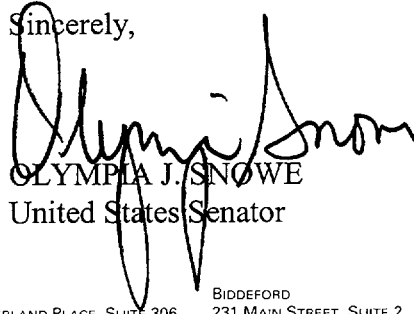
I am writing to request a description of what measures the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is taking for increased security procedures at the nation's nuclear power plants, including those in the process of decommissioning.

I would specifically like to be informed as to what is being done to protect the spent nuclear fuel on-site at the Maine Yankee nuclear facility and how the NRC is ensuring the safety of the residents of Maine. It is imperative that my constituents have as much certainty as possible as to what security measures are being taken by the NRC to ensure safety.

As you are aware, the Maine Yankee nuclear power facility is undergoing decommissioning, but this cannot occur before the spent fuel has been removed and placed into dry cask storage on-site until Department of Energy removal to a permanent national depository. I therefore look forward to working with you to see that all of the country's high level nuclear waste is transported and secured in a permanent national storage facility as soon as possible. I would also like to work with you to assure that the unique concerns for temporary spent fuel storage and ongoing safety and security at individual power plants, such as Maine Yankee, continue to be addressed and that the facility remains well protected until such time as the spent fuel is removed. Until that time, we need answers to the shorter term problem of adequate security at our nation's nuclear power plants.

Thank you very much for your serious attention to this matter. I look for to your detailed reply at your very earliest convenience as this issue of critical importance to the people of the State of Maine.

Sincerely,



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