

October 19, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
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Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS SECURITY LEGISLATION

On October 16, 2001, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing to discuss the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) response to the terrorist attacks on September 11. Senator Jeffords commended the emergency responders and said the Committee wanted to hear what remains to be done in the aftermath of the sad events.

Senator Jeffords said that the Committee has received security related briefings from all the Federal agencies that they oversee, including the Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, NRC, DOT, GSA and others. The most important message he has taken from these meetings is that the Federal government is working around the clock to protect our Nation. The briefings have also resulted in the request for additional authority from Congress.

Senator Jeffords said that the Committee on Environment and Public Works will be putting together a legislative package to deal with the security needs of the Nation. This package will include proposals put forth by the agencies that the Committee oversees and recommendations given to him by Members of the Committee. The Committee has reviewed NRC's legislative proposals and, more specifically, understands the need for NRC's four proposals regarding security.

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