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Chairman Meserve

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Request for NRC's Active Participation in the  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's  
Reconsideration of the Cove Point Liquefied  
Natural Gas Facility

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SUBJECT: Request the NRC's active participation in the Federal Regulatory Commission's reconsideration  
of the Cove Point liquefied natural gas....

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# United States Senate

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November 14, 2001

Richard A. Meserve  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North Building  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I urgently request the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's active participation in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's reconsideration of the Cove Point liquefied natural gas facility in Maryland.

Last week, I sent you a letter calling your attention to plans to reactivate the Cove Point terminal. I find it alarming that operation of Cove Point, with foreign vessels bringing highly-flammable LNG from Algeria and other countries into the Chesapeake Bay within 3 ½ miles of the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant, could increase our vulnerability to terrorism.

Last Friday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decided the national security implications of reopening the Cove Point facility merit reconsideration of its October 12 order. Agencies are required to provide comments by this Thursday, November 15. FERC will host a Conference this Friday, November 16, on national security issues raised by reactivation of the Cove Point LNG facility.

The full participation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission is essential to ensure that the vulnerability of the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant is fully considered. I know the NRC is taking the terrorist threat to America's reactors seriously.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator