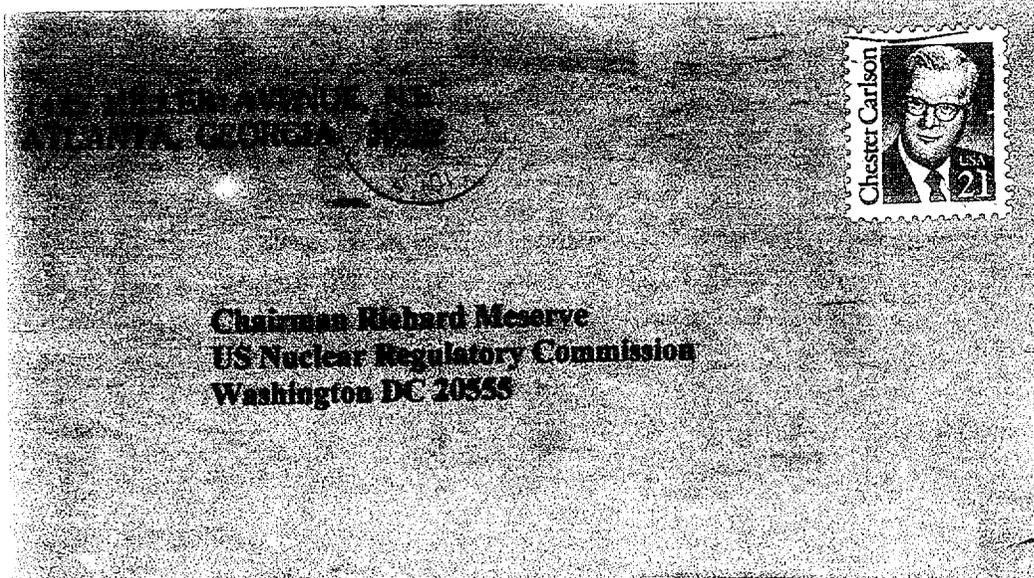


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Chairman Richard Meserve
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

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Dear Chairman Meserve,

Please immediately suspend all activities related to the construction of a plutonium fuel (MOX) plant in South Carolina. The events of September 11th make painfully clear the vulnerability of the US nuclear weapons and nuclear power complex to terrorist attack. The consequences of such an attack would be catastrophic—and for Georgia the risk is heightened by our proximity to the Savannah River site with its millions of gallons of high level waste contaminated processing facilities, and stock of weapons plutonium.

A plutonium fuel (MOX) factory would increase these risks manifold. All activities toward construction of a plutonium fuel factory must come to an immediate halt and all safety and security design provisions must be reviewed. The NRC has received a petition calling for a suspension of the MOX program in light of recent events and the urgent need for a new security evaluation of the entire MOX program.

I strongly support this petition and call on you to suspend any plans for the MOX program which by its nature poses an unacceptable security risk.

Sincerely,

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