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Rep. Jim Saxton

TO:

Chairman Meserve

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 02-0125

Chairman

DESC: ROUTING:

Request Public Hearing Regarding Efforts Underway  
by the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant, to  
Provide Temporary Storage of Spent Fuel Rods

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**AUTHOR:** REP Jim Saxton  
**AFFILIATION:** REP  
**ADDRESSEE:** CHRM Richard Meserve  
**SUBJECT:** Requests public hearing regarding efforts underway by the Oyster Creek NPP to provide temporary storage of spent fuel rods

**ACTION:** Signature of Chairman  
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**LETTER DATE:** 02/22/2002  
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VIA FAX

Mr. Richard A. Meserve, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Meserve:

As you are aware, efforts are underway by the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant, located in Lacey Township, New Jersey, to provide temporary storage of spent fuel rods in above-ground casks beginning in April, 2002, until approved facilities in Nevada are available for use. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to approve the dry cask storage system under the plant's general operating license without the process of a public hearing.

Considering the proposed storage site's proximity to vehicular traffic on Route 9, an extremely busy thoroughfare, and in consideration of the possible threat of terrorism under which we find ourselves living since September 11, I have been contacted by both individual constituents and the governments of Ocean County and 28 of its municipalities to request that a public hearing be held concerning this proposal.

Therefore, I respectfully request that a public hearing be held as soon as possible in Ocean County, New Jersey at which this very sensitive, and extremely important issue can be discussed.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to a public hearing and request that your staff contact my District Director, Sandra Condit, at the number indicated below to discuss this situation. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jim Saxton  
Member of Congress

HJS/mac

cc: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
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