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Janiece Bredland
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Dear Ms. Bredland:

Thank you for your concerns, expressed in your recent postcard to Chairman Meserve on nuclear power plant safety. We understand and share your concerns with regard to nuclear security. You may find it helpful to know that nuclear facilities are robust structures and include redundant safety equipment. For decades, security against sabotage has been an important part of the NRC's activities and our licensees' responsibilities. On September 11, nuclear facilities went to the highest level of security and since then licensees have taken additional actions to strengthen security even further. This includes increased patrols, augmented security forces and capabilities, additional security posts, heightened coordination with law enforcement and military authorities and limited access of personnel and vehicles to the site.

As one of its top priorities, the NRC initiated a comprehensive review of every aspect of its safeguards and security requirements. New requirements to bolster defenses resulting from the review have been incorporated in orders issued to all nuclear power plant licensees.

Your comments are important to us and we thank you for sharing them with us.

Sincerely,


Annette L. Vietti-Cook

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Dear Dr. Meserve,

The recent jet-bombings of civilian targets cast U.S. nuclear security standards written in 1967 in a dim light. Our 35-year-old regulations were written before the world knew crimes of the magnitude of the bombings in Oklahoma City, at the World Trade Center and at the very heart of our military, The Pentagon. Before Chernobyl and Tokai were realities.

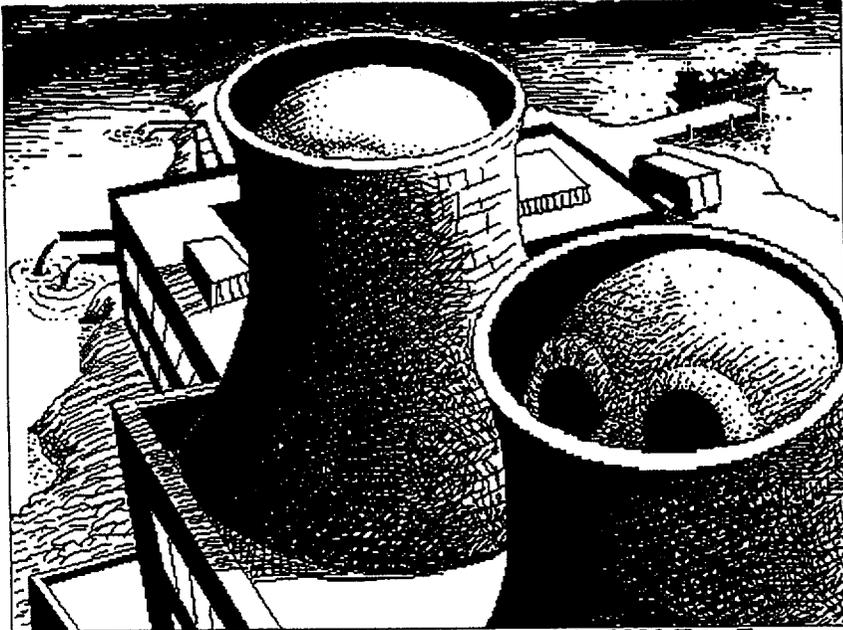
History demands nuclear security be strengthened and has placed the responsibility and leadership squarely into your hands. Hardening of U.S. nuclear installations, particularly spent fuel storage, is urgent. Only with great vision and courage can we meet the monumental challenge to secure the U.S. nuclear complex. May you have both.

Respectfully,

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