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The Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Meserve:

I am forwarding to you a letter sent to me by Representative Fred Upton, 6th District, State of Michigan, dated July 26, 2002, regarding the need for more training to enhance security at nuclear power plant facilities located in southwest Michigan, specifically, DC Cook and Palisades. Since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is responsible for assessing the adequacy of onsite security and emergency preparedness, I am confident that your staff will be able to address Representative Upton's concerns and would appreciate your responding to his letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need additional information, please have a member of your staff contact our Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-4500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe M. Allbaugh", is written over the typed name and title.

Joe M. Allbaugh
Director

Enclosure

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6TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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Dear Director Allbaugh,

As Representative of Michigan's Sixth District, I am writing to express the importance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) training expertise to the communities of Southwest Michigan. With heightened security throughout the region due to the presence of two nuclear power plants, it is imperative that local security officials are equipped with the tools and training necessary to respond effectively to unforeseen occurrences.

As you may be aware, Southwest Michigan is a highly sensitive region, given the potential threats that now exist against our nation. The counties of Berrien and Van Buren, both located within the Sixth District, are home to two nuclear power plants. Extensive discussions with security officials at these power plants have yielded the conclusion that more training is needed to enhance security at these facilities. Local officials have vocalized their desire to work with FEMA and their willingness to cooperate in order to beef up plant security.

With a potential for devastation that dwarfs that of many other areas of our great nation, I urge you to take into account this situation as you utilize federal funds appropriated to FEMA for local training activities. Should disaster strike this sensitive area, the repercussions could be felt throughout the northern Midwest as well as throughout the nation. Please do not hesitate to take every necessary step to prepare these communities for any and all potential emergencies.

Very truly yours,


Fred Upton
Member of Congress

*Thanks For all
your efforts.*