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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 25, 2003

Chairman Richard A. Meserve
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

This letter is in regard to the security of nuclear power plants against terrorist threats. With the presence of large nuclear facilities in my state, I have a strong interest in this issue

I encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to coordinate closely with the Department of Homeland Security on this issue. The National Strategy for the Physical Protection of Critical Infrastructures and Key Assets emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to assessing critical infrastructure vulnerabilities and setting priorities for addressing risks and allocating resources to deal with those risks.

The threat of terrorism on nuclear facilities should not be viewed or dealt with in isolation, but through thoughtful examination of the overall critical infrastructure needs of the nation.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the nuclear power industry should be commended for their long term commitment to security at nuclear facilities and their collective actions to increase that security after September 2001. The establishment of the Department of Homeland Security has given the nation a valuable resource to coordinate our critical infrastructure protection, and I believe the NRC should coordinate closely with Secretary Ridge prior to issuing any new security protocols.

I always welcome your input on how we can work together to improve our nuclear infrastructure and would be interested in hearing from you regarding the new challenges facing the commercial nuclear power industry post-September 11.

Sincerely,



Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

cc: Secretary Tom Ridge
Senator James Inhofe
Senator Pete Domenici
Senator George Voinovich