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Dr. Nils J. Diaz
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Dear Dr. Diaz:

I am writing to express my continued concerns related to potential terrorist threats to nuclear power plants.

As you are aware from past correspondence, many constituents in my district are particularly concerned with the vulnerability of nuclear plants, and spent fuel pools in particular, to terrorist attack. I am concerned about the findings in a GAO report published in September 2003 entitled "Oversight of Security at Commercial Nuclear Power Plants Needs to Be Strengthened." The GAO found that three aspects of NRC's security inspection program reduced the agency's effectiveness in overseeing security at commercial power plants.

Because I and other Members of Congress take the recommendations of the GAO very seriously, I am very interested in your assessment of the report. I would appreciate receiving a response outlining the NRC's response to the GAO findings and recommendations.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

DAVID PRICE
Member of Congress

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