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FINAL REPLY:

Kevin Hefty
West Reading, Pennsylvania

TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

** GRN **

CRC NO: 04-0122

Zimmerman, NSIR

DESC:

ROUTING:

Widespread Security Problems at Nuclear Power
Plants and Nuclear Weapons Facilities Guarded
By the Wackenhut Corporation (Multiple Form
Letters)

Travers
Norry
Paperiello
Kane
Collins
Dean
Burns/Cyr
Dyer, NRR

DATE: 03/05/04

ASSIGNED TO:

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Zimmerman

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Add EDO and Commission on for concurrence. EDO and
Commission to review response prior to dispatch.
Prepare response to the Service Employees
International Union. Multiple identical letter
being received as a result of their posting a form
letter. Post response on our website and request
they post our response on their website.
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CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

Date Printed: Mar 05, 2004 16:18

PAPER NUMBER: LTR-04-0122 **LOGGING DATE:** 03/04/2004
ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: Kevin Hefty
AFFILIATION: PA
ADDRESSEE: Nils Diaz
SUBJECT: Concerns widespread security problems at nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons facilities guarded by the Wackenhut Corp.

ACTION: Direct Reply
DISTRIBUTION: RF

LETTER DATE: 03/04/2004

ACKNOWLEDGED No
SPECIAL HANDLING: ADAMS for Immediate Release via SECY/EDO/DPC
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NOTES: Prepare response to the Service Employees Int'l Union. Multiple identical letters being received as a result of their posting a form letter. Post response on our website and request they post our response on their website.

FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

DATE DUE: 03/29/2004 **DATE SIGNED:**

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March 4, 2004 12:35 AM

Kevin Hefty

401 Reading Ave , ♦ West Reading, PA 19611

Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Dr. Nils J. Diaz
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Wackenhut is putting our homeland security at risk

Dear Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Diaz:

There should be no margin of error when it comes to security at our nation's nuclear facilities. Unfortunately, I have recently learned about the mounting evidence of widespread security problems at sensitive U.S. nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons facilities guarded by the Wackenhut Corporation.

Last November hundreds of members of SEIU and other concerned citizens raised concerns with Chairman Diaz about how Wackenhut cut corners on security at Indian Point #2 Nuclear Power Plant, only 35 miles outside of New York City. Since that time the Department of Energy's Inspector General discovered that Wackenhut cheated during a crucial protective force performance test at the Y-12 National Security Complex, a nuclear weapons facility, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Now we are learning about Wackenhut's dangerous habit of silencing its own security officers who raise safety concerns -- and then illegally punishing the guards who raise them. These concerns raised by guards are very serious, and include lax perimeter security at the Salem Nuclear Power Plant in New Jersey, negligence in taking inventory of plutonium stores, sloppy emergency drills, and elimination of a bomb-detection unit at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Colorado, and shoddy employee screening at the Callaway Nuclear Power Plant in Missouri.

With Wackenhut under contract to provide security at thirty nuclear power plants and more than seven nuclear weapons- and energy-related sites administered by the Department of Energy, I believe there is an urgent need for your agencies to look into these disturbing matters and provide assurances to the American people that we are safe and that our nuclear facilities remain secure.

I believe that Wackenhut is putting our homeland security at risk and I urge you to conduct an immediate and comprehensive investigation of all of the Wackenhut Corporation's security contracts at all U.S. nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons-related facilities under your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hefty

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