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Nils Diaz, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I had the opportunity to read the text of your speech before the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington DC on December 8, 2003.

I appreciate the good sense of your comments and I appreciate your reflections on President Eisenhower's speech on December 8, 1953 on the changes of peace and war brought on by the atomic age. The central issue of December 8, 1953 remains the central issue of atomic power these 50 years later.

Chairman Diaz, your insightful leadership in this critical area is needed and welcome in this challenging era. As First Selectman of a host town to nuclear power plants, I am grateful for your keen understanding of our responsibilities.

All my best wishes!

Sincerely,

Paul B. Eccard
First Selectman

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