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United States Dept. of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham

Subject: Serious concerns about Wackenhut's security record

Dear United States Dept. of Energy Abraham:

No homeland security task is more important than properly guarding America's nuclear facilities. Unfortunately, I have recently learned about multiple security problems at sensitive U.S. nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons facilities guarded by the Wackenhut Corporation.

In March, the DOE's Inspector General criticized cutbacks in the training of security guards at U.S. nuclear weapons facilities guarded by Wackenhut. This month, SEIU released a comprehensive report that raises serious questions about Wackenhut's fitness to provide adequate security at our nation's most sensitive sites. That report, *Homeland Insecurity*, is the first-ever comprehensive study of public documents, reports, news stories, and court filings related to Wackenhut's record guarding nuclear sites, and it places Wackenhut at the center of ongoing concerns over our nation's nuclear security readiness.

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 DOE, I believe there is an urgent need to look into these incidents and provide assurances to the American people that we are safe and that our nuclear facilities remain secure in the hands of a private contractor like Wackenhut.

I urge you to review carefully the Inspector General's findings and the SEIU report and to conduct an immediate and comprehensive investigation of all of the Wackenhut Corporation's security contracts at U.S. nuclear power plants and nuclear weapons-related facilities under your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

John Harvey

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