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FINAL REPLY:

Kevin Knobloch  
Union of Concerned Scientist

TO:

Chairman Diaz

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 04-0619

Dyer, NRR

DESC:

ROUTING:

Safety Margin of Aging Nuclear Power Plants

Reyes  
Virgilio  
Kane  
Merschhoff  
Norry  
Dean  
Burns/Cyr  
Brenner, OPA  
Kim, ODEDR

DATE: 10/05/04

ASSIGNED TO:

CONTACT:

NRR

Dyer

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Respond to Kevin Knobloch, UCS asking UCS to post  
on their web and noting NRC will post on our web.  
Coordinate response with T. J. Kim, ODEDR and  
coordinate with OPA for web.

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**ACTION OFFICE:** EDO

**AUTHOR:** Kevin Knobloch  
**AFFILIATION:** UCS  
**ADDRESSEE:** Nils Diaz  
**SUBJECT:** Ref Commissin 9/8/04 corres regarding upgrade security at U.S. nuclear power plants

**ACTION:** Appropriate  
**DISTRIBUTION:** RF...multiples post cards sent to EDO as an attachment

**LETTER DATE:** 09/28/2004

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**DATE DUE:** **DATE SIGNED:**



## Union of Concerned Scientists

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CHAIRMAN REC'D

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September 28, 2004

Dr. Nils J. Diaz, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Diaz:

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 2004, outlining the measures taken by the NRC to upgrade security at U.S. nuclear power plants. We share your interest in effective protection against radiological sabotage at these facilities.

We also have an interest in protection against safety margin erosion at aging nuclear power plants. In this area, we are troubled that the NRC is restricting meaningful public participation in licensing proceedings with its changes to 10 CFR Part 2 and related activities. We are also concerned that the NRC is relicensing aging nuclear plants for up to 20 more years of operation without first determining that the current licensing basis for the plants provides adequate protection compared to that protection provided by today's safety regulations. The NRC merely assumes this to be true. The dangerous situation at Davis-Besse clearly revealed the potential implications of unverified assumptions.

I am enclosing communications to you from many of our members urging you to redress these challenges to the safe operation of U.S. nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Kevin Knobloch  
President  
Union of Concerned Scientists

Enclosures: as stated