



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Jon S. Corzine
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Corzine:

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power Plant near Toms River, New Jersey. During my visit, I conducted an extensive tour of the facility, met with a variety of senior plant executives, and addressed an "all-hands" employee meeting at the site. I believe this visit was successful because it gave me a hands-on perspective of the plant's safety performance, it provided an opportunity to exchange views with senior plant managers, and it provided excellent forum for me to share information about the nuclear industry with plant employees.

I am aware that many of your constituents are interested in the health and safety issues associated with this facility. As I have done with a number of Members of Congress over the last year, I would like to extend an offer to personally brief you on the results of my visit.

In the coming days, I will have my staff contact your scheduler to see if there is a convenient time in your schedule. In the meantime, please contact me at 301-415-1855 if I may be of assistance.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Merrifield", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

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