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**AUTHOR:** REP Jerry Weller  
**AFFILIATION:** CONG  
**ADDRESSEE:** CHRM Nils Diaz  
**SUBJECT:** Requests information regarding tritium leak at Braidwood and recent leak at Dresden

**ACTION:** Signature of Chairman  
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**JERRY WELLER**  
11TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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February 15, 2006

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The Honorable Nils J. Diaz  
Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint North  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to you with deep concern regarding the ground water quality situation at the Braidwood Nuclear Generating Facility in Joliet, Illinois and the Dresden Nuclear Facility in Morris, Illinois.

It is my understanding that sample results from ground water well testing performed last November through January of this year by Exelon Corporation has shown elevated signs of tritium that is, in some cases, above the Environmental Protection Agency's federal drinking water standard of 20,000 pCi/L. These elevated levels are of deep concern to me, and need to be addressed with an immediate and thorough response.

While it has been publicly stated by your agency that the levels indicated in the test results are of no immediate health risks or concerns, I ask that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission strongly enforce its regulations on Exelon Corporation and make sure the public is fully aware of the actions being taken by both the agency and the company. I firmly believe that if a company is responsible for either on-site or off-site contamination, it is the complete responsibility of the company to remedy the situation, both for the safety of the surrounding residents and the stability of the environment. I request that when providing analysis of findings from Exelon's test results, you apply the highest level of scrutiny to ensure complete public safety.

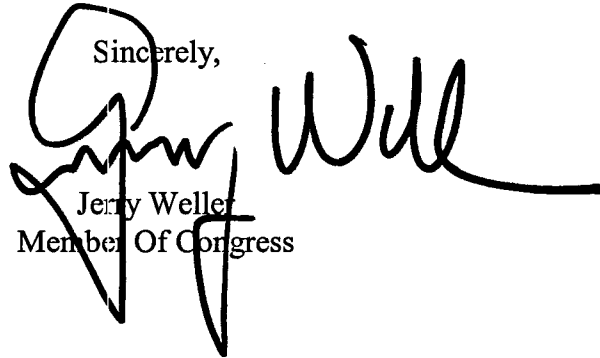
In addition, I would like to request a detailed summary and complete time-line of events involving the tritium leak at Braidwood Nuclear Generating Facility and also the recent leak at the Dresden Facility. I would prefer that these documents reflect the actions of both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Exelon Corporation, and include a detailed summary of how the tritium leak are going to be resolved.

Finally, I request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission do an independent audit of all of the nuclear power facilities in Illinois with a strong emphasis on system components dealing with tritium. With instances now occurring at more than one facility I believe an entire systems wide audit needs to be done.

When dealing with situations such as that currently present at the Braidwood Nuclear Generating Facility, it is essential that we as government officials make sure the public is protected at all times and is made completely aware of every measure being taken to remedy the contamination.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Weller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jerry Weller  
Member Of Congress