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Senator Richard G. Lugar

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Rebecca Schmidt, OCA

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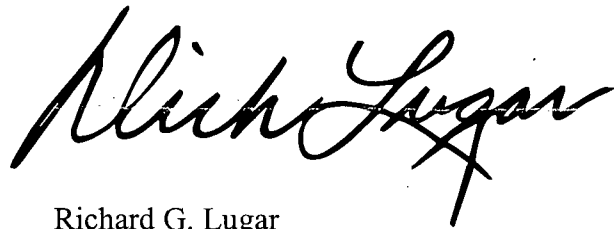
Dear Ms. Schidmt:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Darlee McCollum of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Lugar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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Enclosure

Lugar, Senator (Lugar)

From: John Ulmer [remlu@tds.net]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 12:21 PM
To: Lugar, Senator (Lugar)
Subject: Nucluar Power Saftey

Dear Senator Lugar,

A recent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists shows that nuclear power plants are not safe enough. The report, "Walking a Nuclear Tightrope: Unlearned Lessons of Year-plus Reactor Outages," examines the 51 times when nuclear plants have shut down for a year or longer to restore safety levels. It finds that most of the outages can be blamed on poor management and ineffective oversight by the NRC. That must change.

The UCS study provides five ways the NRC can improve--from better assessments of how plants find and fix their own problems to requiring plant owners to determine why failures occur and why the problems that cause them were not found earlier.

Congress must require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide regular status reports on progress made towards improving its oversight of nuclear plants. Otherwise, declining safety performance could result in a nuclear disaster rather than a costly year-plus outage.

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*You must be the change
You wish to see in the world
-- Gandhi*

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