

December 20, 2006

The Honorable Rick Santorum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Santorum:

It has been an honor to work with you during your tenure in the United States Senate. During your time in office, you and your colleagues made significant contributions toward ensuring the security of nuclear power plants in the event of terrorist attacks and natural disasters, the control of radioactive materials including medical isotopes, and international efforts to strengthen nuclear safety. Your commitment to these efforts has reinforced the NRC's mission to regulate civilian use of nuclear materials, helping us to maintain safe and secure nuclear plants and to ensure public safety. We truly appreciate your work.

The NRC has established a framework of regulatory stability to both keep current nuclear plants safe and secure as well as meet the emerging challenges that face us in the coming years. I want to assure you, however, that we will continue to assess and strive to improve our efforts as needed.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Again, thank you for your commitment and service in the United States Senate. I hope to have the opportunity to work with you again.

Sincerely,

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