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Representative Jim Saxton

TO:

Chairman Klein

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Chairman Klein

DESC:

ROUTING:

Oyster Creek - Floor Structure of the Spent Fuel
Pool

Reyes
Virgilio
Kane
Silber
Johnson
Cyr/Burns
Collins, RI
Shoop, OEDO
Lamb, OEDO

DATE: 02/07/07

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 30, 2007

Dr. Dale E. Klein, Chairman
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Dr. Klein:

I write to you today regarding the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Forked River, New Jersey.

I am deeply troubled about an editorial I recently read in the Asbury Park Press. Printed on January 23, 2007, the second to last paragraph highlights language from an internal Exelon memo, highlighting concerns with the structural integrity of the floor of the spent fuel pool.

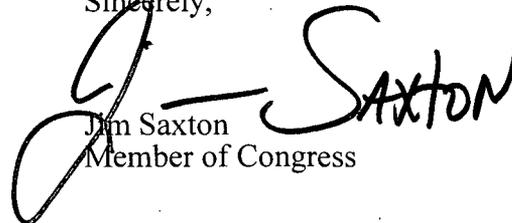
"...(F)rom a nuclear safety perspective, the controlling structure with least margin in the floor or the fuel pool," the memo said. "The floor was supposed to be attached to the walls with a rebar configuration...This is not the configuration we found and was why he had to limit the fuel pool temperature to 125 degrees Fahrenheit to ensure the floor did not detach and drop during a seismic event and rupture the fuel pool liner. If this rebar is really corroding as projected, I suspect our design analysis of the floor support is not valid today, let alone for a 20-year life extension."

It is gravely concerning that a plant manager is questioning whether the floor of the spent fuel pool, a fundamental component of the plant, has corroded beyond current acceptable limits.

I would appreciate if you could please provide me with information regarding the above-mentioned corrosion and how this effects the relicensing application submitted by the plant operators.

Thank you for your time and consideration into this important matter.

Sincerely,


Jim Saxton
Member of Congress

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Enclosure