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Ashok Thadani
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Dear Mr. Thadani:

Thank you for appearing before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to give testimony on Thursday, July 12. As a follow-up to our hearing we have received extra questions to be submitted for the record. Please review the questions and return your responses by August 3 so that they may be added to the record. If no reply arrives by this time, we will print the hearing and note that the answers to the additional questions were not supplied at the time of printing.

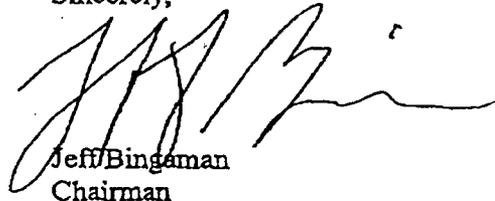
Question from Senator Domenici

Topic: Safety of Generation IV reactors

I've been concerned that the NRC is not adequately funded or staffed to explore the full range of safety questions that arise with introduction of more modern technologies into our present reactors or even into entirely new reactor designs. Do you concur that NRC needs to rebuild its research infrastructure to respond to new demands on your staff.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sam Fowler (202)224-7571 or Shelley Brown (202)224-5915 of the Committee staff.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
Chairman

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