

June 19, 2007

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to inform you of a delay in the National Academies' study of industrial, research, and commercial uses for radiation sources. Recently, the National Academies informed the NRC that it will not be able to complete its report on the results of the study within the originally established schedule. This delay will preclude the NRC from submitting this report to Congress by August 8, 2007, the date required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct).

As mandated by Section 651(d) of the EPAAct, the NRC entered into an arrangement with the National Academies under which that organization would conduct the study and produce a report for the NRC to submit to Congress. The NRC and the National Academies approved the grant for this study in January 2006. The NRC continues to provide technical support to the National Academies and remains committed to providing the report to the Congress shortly after it is received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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