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Representative Dennis J. Kucinich

TO:

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CRC NO: 07-0322

Schmidt, OCA

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Safety Related Actions to Ensure Reactor Heads Do
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Ref. G20070297. Note: Copies of requested
documents to be provided to Commission via CA Note.

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AUTHOR: REP Dennis Kucinich
AFFILIATION: CONG
ADDRESSEE: Dale Klein
SUBJECT: 2.206 petition requesting the NRC take specific safety related actions to ensure that reactor heads do not degrade to the point of failure

ACTION: Signature of Director, OCA
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Mr. Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Klein:

Yesterday, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission received at §2.206 petition requesting that the NRC take specific safety-related actions to ensure that reactor heads do not degrade to the point of failure, as occurred at the Davis-Besse nuclear plant prior to the shutdown of the facility in 2002. As you know, FirstEnergy, owner of Davis-Besse, deceived government regulators about safety violations at the facility. Those violations resulted in a football-sized crater in the reactor vessel. Only a slim steel liner stood in the way of a catastrophic radioactive release into the air, which would have jeopardized the safety of millions of residents in the state of Ohio.

To aid the ongoing Domestic Policy Subcommittee's review of the NRC, I request that the NRC provide copies of the following letters and any documents included with the original letters to the Subcommittee:

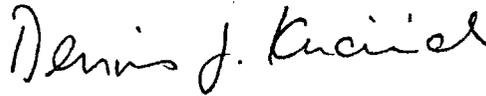
- 1) A Nuclear Regulatory Commission letter dated approximately 8 weeks ago to Babcock & Wilcox Canada about cracking in a replacement head to be installed in the Palisades reactor.
- 2) The Babcock & Wilcox Canada letter dated approximately 3 to 4 weeks ago in response to the above NRC request.
- 3) The Nuclear Management Corporation letter dated approximately 2 to 3 weeks ago in response to both the NRC and Babcock & Wilcox Canada letters.

The Domestic Policy Subcommittee has broad jurisdiction over many federal agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Mr. Dale E. Klein
May 1, 2007
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Since this request is limited in scope, please provide the above letters and attachments by the Friday May, 4, 2007. If you have any questions please contact my Staff Director, Jaron Bourke, at (202) 225-6427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Kucinich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dennis J. Kucinich
Chairman
Domestic Policy Subcommittee

cc: Darrell Issa
Ranking Minority Member