

**Sandy Joosten**

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**From:** Site Administrator [action@ucsusa.org] on behalf of Matthew Pintar  
[matthew.pintar@umit.maine.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2009 8:13 PM  
**To:** CMRJACZKO Resource  
**Subject:** Enforce Critical Fire Protection Regulations

To: Leeds, NRR  
Ref. G20080593/  
LTR-08-0456

Jan 16, 2009

Commissioner Gregory B. Jackzo  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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It is your duty and responsibility to enforce the NRC fire protection regulations.

Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Pintar  
5731 Hancock Hall Rm 132  
Orono, ME 04469-5731

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From: Matthew Pintar <matthew.pintar@umit.maine.edu>

Reply-To: Matthew Pintar <matthew.pintar@umit.maine.edu>

To: CMRJACZKO@nrc.gov

Subject: Enforce Critical Fire Protection Regulations

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Sender: Site Administrator <action@ucsusa.org>

Organization: Union of Concerned Scientists

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**From:** Site Administrator [action@ucsusa.org] on behalf of Matthew Pintar [redfish4@myway.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2009 8:14 PM  
**To:** CMRJACZKO Resource  
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

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Mr. Matthew Pintar  
618 Louise Ct  
Canonsburg, PA 15317-2274

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Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 19:13:35 -0600

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To: CMRJACZKO@nrc.gov

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**From:** Site Administrator [action@ucsusa.org] on behalf of Robin Harrison [nadiaokc@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2009 11:18 PM  
**To:** CMRJACZKO Resource  
**Subject:** Enforce Critical Fire Protection Regulations

Jan 18, 2009

Commissioner Gregory B. Jackzo  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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Sincerely,

Ms. Robin Harrison  
11005 N Eagle Ln  
Oklahoma City, OK 73162-3044

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