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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6175

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Dr. Dale E. Klein
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Klein:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, we invite you and Commissioners Gregory B. Jaczko and Peter B. Lyons to testify before the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety at a hearing entitled, "The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Reactor Oversight Process." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the adequacy of the Reactor Oversight Process for ensuring public health and safety.

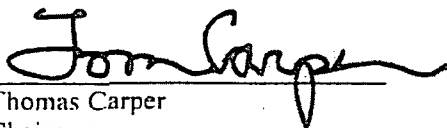
In order to maximize the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and other witnesses, we are asking that your oral testimony be limited to five minutes, followed by two minutes each for Commissioners Jaczko and Lyons if they so choose. Your written testimony can be comprehensive and will be included in the printed record of the hearing in its entirety, together with any other materials you would like to submit.

To comply with Committee rules, please provide 100 double-sided copies of your testimony at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to the Committee at the following address: 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6175. To ensure timely delivery, the copies of testimony must be hand delivered to 410 Dirksen. Packages sent through FedEx, U.S. Mail, or overnight delivery services will be subject to offsite security measures that will delay delivery. Given these heightened security measures around the Capitol, it would greatly assist Committee staff if you could also email a copy of your testimony (ideally in both MS Word and as a PDF file) to the attention of Rachel Winnik, Rachel_winnik@epw.senate.gov. This email address will be used later to quickly finalize hearing transcripts.

If you plan to use or refer to any charts, graphs, diagrams, photos, maps, or other exhibits in your testimony, please deliver or send one identical copy of such material(s), as well as 100 reduced (8.5" x 11") copies to the Committee, attention of Rachel Winnik, Rachel_winnik@epw.senate.gov, at the above address at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Exhibits or other materials that are not provided to the Committee by this time cannot be used for the purpose of presenting testimony.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Kathy Dedrick of the Committee's Majority staff at 202.224.8832, Annie Caputo of the Committee's Minority staff at 202.224.6176, Tom Lawler of Senator Carper's staff at 202.224.2441, or Todd Johnston of Senator Voinovich's staff at 202.224.3353.

Sincerely,



Thomas Carper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety



George Voinovich
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

CC: Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko
Commissioner Peter B. Lyons

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