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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6175

July 9, 2008

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, Peter B. Lyons, and Kristine L. Svinicki to testify before the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety at a hearing entitled, "Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Licensing and Relicensing Processes for Nuclear Plants." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to provide oversight of the NRC's licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear plants.

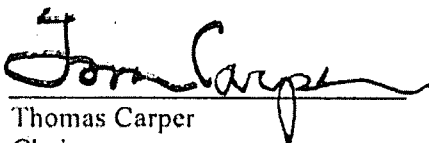
In order to maximize the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and other witnesses, we are asking that your oral testimony be limited to five minutes, followed by two minutes each for Commissioners Jaczko, Lyons and Svinicki if they so choose. Your written testimony can be comprehensive and will 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. Please also email a copy of your testimony (in both MS Word and as a PDF file) to the attention of Anne Collesano, Anne_Collesano@epw.senate.gov at least 48 hours in advance. This email address will be used later to quickly finalize hearing transcripts.

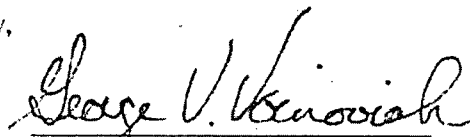
If you plan to use or refer to any charts, graphs, diagrams, photos, maps, or other exhibits in your testimony, please deliver or send one identical copy of such material(s), as well as 100 reduced (8.5" x 11") copies to the Committee, attention of Anne Collesano, Anne_Collesano@epw.senate.gov, at the 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, Laura Haynes of Senator Carper's staff at 202.224.2441, or TJ Kim of Senator Voinovich's staff at 202.224.2160.

Sincerely,



Thomas Carper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety



George Voinovich
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

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