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June 17, 2010

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you may know, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is among a select group of agencies to have recently received an Ethics Program Award (Award) from the United States Office of Government Ethics. I want to take a moment to congratulate you on this achievement.

The Award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement in managing the ethics program. Award recipients were selected based on a variety of achievements, ranging from effectively administering each element of the overall ethics program to implementing model practices that advanced the program beyond mere compliance with ethics laws and regulations.

NRC received the Award in recognition of the effective administration of all elements of the ethics program and for the implementation of model practices. While your ethics officials have implemented numerous model practices, the Award specifically recognizes NRC for implementing the following model practices: (1) developing a sophisticated automated ethics program management system, (2) providing all employees with a list of NRC's prohibited sources and attempting to prevent even the appearance of a conflict of interest by maintaining tight controls on outside employment, (3) monitoring the advice provided by regional ethics officials and maintaining a comprehensive archive of advice and counseling rendered, and (4) demonstrating leadership's commitment to and support of the ethics program by incorporating an introductory statement from you into Initial Ethics Orientation. I also note that NRC received an Education and Communication Award at the Office of Government Ethics' 2010 National Government Ethics Conference.

Because of the hard work and dedication of you and your ethics officials, the integrity of the Federal work force remains intact. Thank you for your continued support of the ethics program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert I. Cusick".

Robert I. Cusick
Director

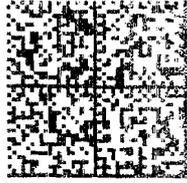
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