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FINAL REPLY:

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg

TO:

Chairman Jaczko

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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CRC NO: 11-0165

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

New Jersey's Nuclear Safety - Oyster Creek  
(EDATS: SECY-2011-0179)

Borchardt  
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Leeds, NRR  
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Burns, OGC  
Doane, OIP  
Schmidt, OCA

DATE: 03/30/11

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CONTACT:

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Rihm

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Please prepare response in accordance with OEDO Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). Region I, NRR and NSIR to provide input to Roger Rihm, OEDO, if required. Roger Rihm will coordinate response with OGC and OCA.

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## General Information

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**Other Assignees:**

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**OEDO Monthly Report Item:** NO

## Process Information

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**Signature Level:** Chairman Jaczko

**Sensitivity:** None

**Urgency:** NO

**Approval Level:** No Approval Required

**OEDO Concurrence:** YES

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

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## Document Information

**Originator Name:** Senator Frank R. Lautenberg

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**Addressee:** Chairman Jaczko

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 22, 2011

Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop O-16G4  
Washington, D.C., 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko,

Thank you for briefing the Environment and Public Works Committee last week on the nuclear situation in Japan. Those events have raised concerns about the susceptibility of our own nuclear fleet, and it is imperative that we take all necessary action to prevent similar events in our country.

As you know, two of New Jersey's four nuclear facilities use the same General Electric boiling water reactor and Mark I containment system design as the Fukushima Daiichi Power Station in Japan. One of those facilities is the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, which is the nation's oldest commercial nuclear power generator and is located near the Atlantic Ocean.

In light of the new information coming from Japan, I request that you conduct a comprehensive review of the safety of the nuclear plants in New Jersey to determine whether any modifications are necessary to address risks newly identified as a result of the events in Japan. The review should also include a general reassessment of the suitability of the Mark I design for use at nuclear facilities. If during this review you become aware of shortcomings in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's authority to require additional safeguards, please identify those.

Please keep my office updated on your progress in conducting this review. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your work to ensure the safety and security of U.S. nuclear facilities.

Sincerely,

