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Generic Issue 199: "Implications of Updated
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Seek Additional Information/Completion of
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SUBJECT: Urging the Commission to seek additional information that would complete the assessment of GI-199.

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Dear Chairman Jaczko and Executive Director Borchardt,

I want to thank you for your participation in the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Briefing regarding the situation in Japan, as well as you and your staff's effort to provide information and analysis of the situation, both abroad, and here at home.

On March 17, 2011, your staff provided a briefing to House and Senate Members and Staff who represent the Lower Hudson region of New York State. At that meeting, much of the conversation concentrated on information released by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, entitled *Generic Issue 199: "Implications of Updated Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Estimates in Center and Eastern United States on Existing Plants"* (GI-199). That report was the basis for an article posted to MSNBC.com on March 16, 2011, which ranked reactors by "risk of catastrophic failure caused by earthquake."^[1] NRC has said that this report was used as a "screening tool"^[2] and that, "additional information is necessary to complete the assessment of GI-199."^[3]

I urge you to act expeditiously to seek that "additional information" and "complete the assessment" as soon as possible, and report the findings to my office and the public at large upon completion. This information is of much concern for my constituents in New York, and for all Americans. Among other factors, understanding the seismic potential in terms of these critical facilities is vital to understanding whether additional safety measures are necessary, and will assist regulators, the industry, and the general public to better understand the risks to our nation's nuclear facilities.

I thank you for your attention to these critical issues, and ask that your contact Ben Rosenbaum in my DC Office if you should have further questions.

Sincerely,


Kirsten E. Gillibrand
United States Senator

[1] What are the odds? US nuke plants ranked by quake risk, Bill Dedman, MSNBC.com, 3/16/11

[2] Statement by Neil Sheehan, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Public Affairs, 3/17/11

[3] GI-199 Implications of Updated Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Estimates in Center and Eastern United States on Existing Plants - Safety/Risk Assessment, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, August 2010