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FINAL REPLY:

Senator Jim Webb

TO:

Chairman Jaczko

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 11-0224

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Evacuation  
Recommendations for U.S. Residents Within 50 Miles  
of Fukushima Reactors (EDATS: SECY-2011-0235)

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Schmidt, OCA

DATE: 04/18/11

ASSIGNED TO: CONTACT:  
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Please prepare response in accordance with OEDO  
Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). NRR and NSIR to  
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## Process Information

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**Signature Level:** Chairman Jaczko

**Sensitivity:** None

**Approval Level:** No Approval Required

**Urgency:** NO

**OEDO Concurrence:** YES

**OCM Concurrence:** NO

**OCA Concurrence:** NO

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## Document Information

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**SUBJECT:** Concerns NRC's evacuation recommendation for U.S. residents within 50 miles of the Fukushima reactors

**ACTION:** Signature of Chairman  
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JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

April 15, 2011

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

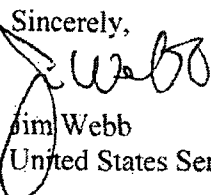
Dear Chairman Jaczko:

I write regarding the March 16, 2011 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) evacuation recommendation for U.S. residents within 50 miles of the Fukushima reactors. According to the NRC, this recommendation was issued under guidelines for public safety that would be used in the United States under similar circumstances.

As this recommendation could have important implications for U.S. energy security, public health, and environmental protection, I respectfully request that you disclose all assumptions that were used in reaching this conclusion. In addition to any other relevant information, please address the following points:

- 1) The assumed magnitudes of the total releases (in Curies) to the atmosphere of the radioisotopes dominating the inhalation, cloudshine, and 4-day groundshine effective whole body doses and the thyroid inhalation doses;
- 2) The assumed duration of the releases;
- 3) The assumed wind speed and deposition velocities;
- 4) Any assumption concerning wind wander;
- 5) The height of the assumed release including any height increase of the mid-line of the plume due to heat buoyancy effects; and
- 6) The dose conversion factor that the NRC uses for Iodine-131 for converting exposure to airborne I-131 measured in Ci-seconds/m<sup>3</sup> exposure to thyroid doses in rem for adults and children of different ages.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Webb  
United States Senator