

Message from Chairman Jaczko
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Hello. You may have been following the news about the debate in Congress concerning the 2011 and 2012 budgets, and the possibility of a government shut-down. There is some uncertainty about what will happen, but I wanted to reach out to you personally to tell you what we know right now.

Your leadership team has been talking with members of the Senate, the House of Representatives and the Administration to make sure everyone knows about the important work you do every day to protect public health and safety, and the environment. I have good news to report, and that is that the agency has a strong reputation on Capitol Hill. The respect for what we do, and the way we do it, has led to the NRC receiving no cuts in the Fiscal Year 2011 funding bill that passed the House, and maintaining nearly level funding in the President's proposed 2012 budget request.

Now, neither of these budgets has been passed by both houses of Congress and signed into law yet. But I want to assure you that we are continuing to stay on top of the situation and we will keep you informed as things move forward.

Please continue to watch for Bill Borchardt's EDO Updates, where he will share with you the latest information and developments. Please know that your dedication and focus continue to be greatly valued and appreciated by all of the stakeholders who interact with this agency and all the senior managers here at the NRC. Thank you for your time.