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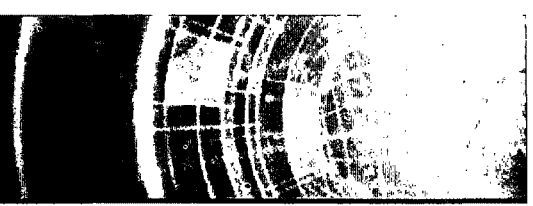
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July 19, 2011

The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear Chairman Jaczko:

We are in receipt of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) 90-Day Task Force Report¹ that makes recommendations in light of the Fukushima Dai-ichi incident in Japan. We are pleased to see that the Near-Term Task Force (Task Force) concludes that, taking into account the current regulatory approach and nuclear power plant capabilities, a sequence of events like the Fukushima incident is unlikely to occur in the United States and that ongoing operations at U.S. nuclear reactors do not pose an imminent risk.

We understand that this report, prepared by a small team of experienced NRC staff, offers a range of recommendations concerning ways to further enhance nuclear reactor safety. We understand that, given the time constraints for producing this report¹, there was limited, if any, interaction with the broader body of experienced NRC technical staff and there was no engagement with the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) or with NRC stakeholders.

Given the importance of the regulatory issues identified by the Task Force, we believe it is essential that the Commission have the benefit of the full and deliberate process of review, in accordance with established Commission procedures, its principles of good regulation, and statutory requirements. This review process includes thorough evaluation of the Task Force analyses and recommendations by NRC technical and senior staff. It would also include the involvement and perspective of industry and other stakeholders, and the ACRS. Such a process

¹Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century: The Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Accident, Dr. Charles Miller et al., July 12, 2011, <http://pbadupws.nrc.gov/docs/ML1118/ML111861807.pdf>.

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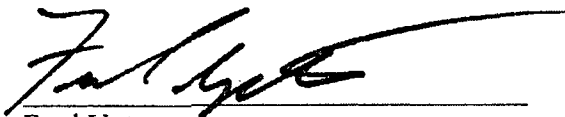
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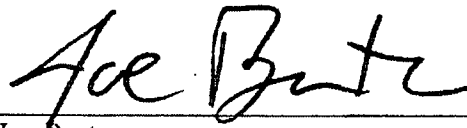
ensures the Commission has the full information necessary to evaluate the Task Force recommendations and to make effective policy decisions.

We will be conducting our own oversight of this process. To assist in this effort, please supply the specific plans and schedule for full NRC staff review, ACRS review, and stakeholder involvement by July 22, 2011. We appreciate your prompt attention to this request. Should you have any questions, you may contact Peter Spencer of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



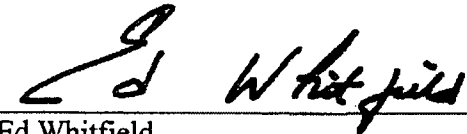
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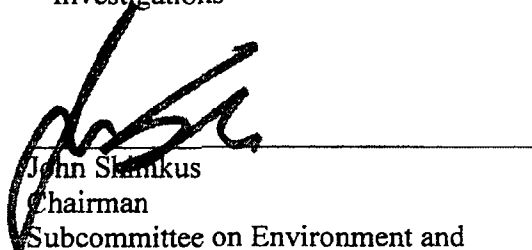
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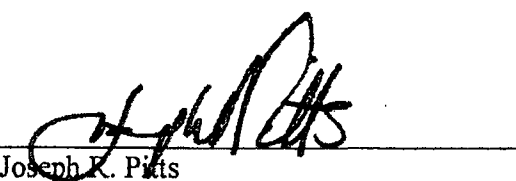
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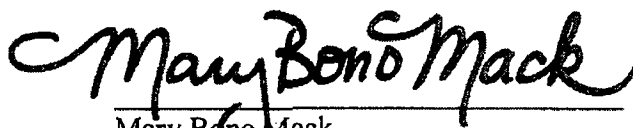
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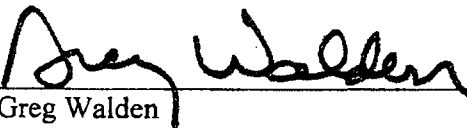
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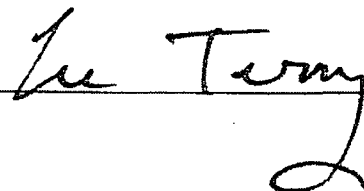
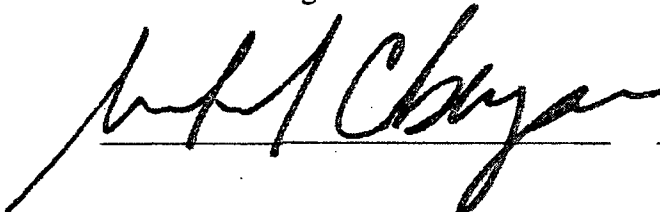
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