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FINAL REPLY:

Benjamin Cook
Representative Chris Van Hollen's Office

TO:

Weills, OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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Borchardt, EDO

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Calvert Cliffs (EDATS: SECY-2011-0433)

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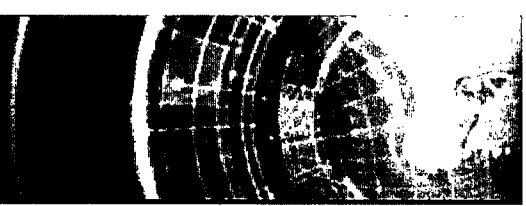
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AUTHOR: REP Benjamin Cook

AFFILIATION: CONG

ADDRESSEE: Jenny Weil

SUBJECT: Constituent Correspondence - concerns the proximity of Calvert Cliffs to the Cove Point LNG facility

ACTION: Signature of EDO

DISTRIBUTION: OCA to Ack.

LETTER DATE: 07/22/2011

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Mike, Linda

From: Weil, Jenny
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Mike, Linda; Champ, Billie; Lewis, Antoinette
Cc: Schmidt, Rebecca; Dacus, Eugene; Quesenberry, Jeannette
Subject: FW: Constituent letter regarding Calvert Cliffs
Attachments: Constituent letter re Calvert Cliffs.doc

Hi everyone,

Please see the incoming request from Rep. Chris Van Hollen's office to respond to a constituent concern about the proximity of Calvert Cliffs to the Cove Point LNG facility.

Jenny

From: Cook, Benjamin [<mailto:Benjamin.Cook@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Weil, Jenny
Subject: RE: Constituent letter regarding Calvert Cliffs

Yes sorry. It came on 5/2/2011. I am actually new this week, one of our previous LC's fell behind on some letters and I am trying to go through the backlog. I was not sure which re-licensing he was talking about, because his letter did come before the recent hearings on the 3rd reactor which he did not mention. Hope that helps.

Thanks again,

Ben

From: Weil, Jenny [<mailto:Jenny.Weil@nrc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Cook, Benjamin
Subject: RE: Constituent letter regarding Calvert Cliffs

Hi Ben,

Do you know when the letter came to your office?

Thanks,

Jenny

From: Cook, Benjamin [<mailto:Benjamin.Cook@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:38 AM
To: Weil, Jenny
Cc: Dacus, Eugene
Subject: Constituent letter regarding Calvert Cliffs

Jenny-

Thanks for helping us out. Attached is the constituent letter regarding Calvert Cliffs. If someone from your office could please review the constituents' questions/concerns, that would be greatly appreciated. I will send him a note today

letting him know we are passing it along, but if you could please CC me on any action/response your office takes so we could track it, that would be great as well.

Below is his contact information from IQ:

Mr. Eric Russell Goodall
15012 Butterchurn Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20905-5739
eric.goodall@gmail.com

Thanks again,

Ben Cook
Legislative Correspondent
Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen
202-225-5341

Dear Representative Van Hollen,

Recently I have read news reports of the nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs receiving approval for continued operations/relicensing. While I am a supporter of nuclear energy, I feel the continued operation of reactors without any process for disposing of the nuclear fuel is a disaster waiting to happen.

The ongoing crisis in Japan surrounding the 4 damaged nuclear reactors is a prime example of how terribly wrong things can go when more than one unexpected failure occurs. The Japanese planned for power losses to their reactors; and they planned for a tsunami, in retrospect woefully inadequate planning, but planning none the less. However, they didn't plan for simultaneous power loss and tsunami damage to their backup generation capability. In retrospect, experts have concluded Fukushima was a disaster waiting to happen.

I feel the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant is similarly a disaster waiting to happen. In the case of Calvert Cliffs, two nuclear reactors and their accumulating spent fuel are sitting right next to a liquid natural gas offloading terminal, one of only 4 such facilities in the United States. Should an accident occur at this plant, it will explode with the force of a large nuclear weapon. The public has been assured there are numerous mechanisms in place to prevent an accident or sabotage from occurring. However, the residents of Fukushima were given similar assurances over the reactors built nearby.

Think of impact to Maryland, to the Chesapeake Bay, to the Capital of the US if an accident or a terrorist incident at the LNG plant were to also damage the Calvert Cliffs reactors comparable to the Fukushima reactor damage. Although there have been news reports indicating the US and other countries are reviewing nuclear safety after the Japanese nuclear accident, one generally sees decisions which have already been made are "a done deal".

I suggest the consequences of an accident at the LNG terminal, no matter how improbable, are so profound, these two facilities should never have been allowed to be built so close to each other. The relicensing of the Calvert Cliffs reactor is a chance to right a decision which was clearly wrong when the LNG terminal was allowed to be built. As Maryland's most influential representative, can you look into how the Calvert Cliffs plant have addressed the issue of a catastrophic explosion at the LNG terminal in their contingency planning? Do they truly have an adequate design and plan to ensure an LNG disaster would not also be a nuclear disaster for the Washington area?