

June 10, 2013

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am forwarding the enclosed "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences: Fiscal Year (FY) 2012." This submission is in accordance with Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438) and the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66), which require the NRC to identify and report abnormal occurrences (AOs) to Congress annually. An AO is an unscheduled incident or event that the Commission determines to be significant from the standpoint of public health or safety. Appendix A presents the criteria established by the Commission to define AOs for the purpose of this report.

The enclosed AO report for FY 2012 describes four events involving NRC licensees and 18 events involving Agreement State licensees. One event at an NRC-licensed facility involved an event of high safety significance at a commercial nuclear power plant. The other three NRC-licensee events were medical events as defined in NRC regulations. One of the Agreement State events involved radiation exposure to an embryo/fetus, and another event involved an exposure to a radiographer. The other 16 Agreement State events were medical events as defined in NRC regulations.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
As stated

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