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Ms. Rebecca Schmidt  
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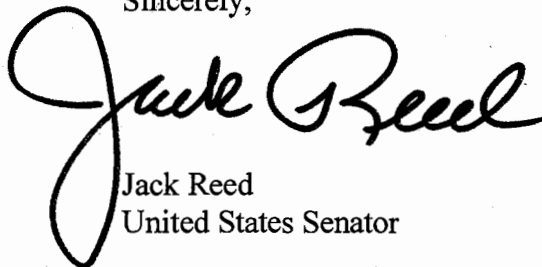
Dear Ms. Schmidt:

I write on behalf of several constituents who recently contacted my office regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's fire safety regulations.

For your review, I have enclosed a sample of the correspondence I have received on this matter. So that I can more fully respond to such inquiries, I would greatly appreciate any information you may be able to provide my office as well as your consideration of these concerns.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator

Enclosure

## History

Office Origin:

### Webmail Message

Subject: Enforce nuclear power fire safety regulations

I am writing today due to my concern about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) failure to enforce its fire safety regulations.

Fire poses one of the greatest risks to nuclear power plant safety. The NRC estimates that the risk of reactor meltdown from fire is about 50 percent--roughly equal to all other risk factors combined.

The NRC adopted its fire protection regulations in 1980 after a dangerous fire at Alabama's Browns Ferry Plant, and updated them in 2004. Yet the agency has repeatedly failed to enforce these regulations, opting to grant extensions rather than issue violation notices. Today, 46 nuclear reactors (almost half of the U.S. commercial nuclear fleet) continue to operate despite being in violation of the fire safety regulations--including Browns Ferry, the plant that inspired the regulations. This is totally unacceptable to me and I am sure the millions of Americans who live near these facilities.

Please demand that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission do its job and enforce its fire safety regulations and establish a clear, realistic timeline for compliance by all reactors. Thank you for your consideration.