

December 14, 2016

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I am responding to Section 403, "Securing Radiological Material," of Public Law 113-235, *Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015* (Appropriations Act). The Appropriations Act requires the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate that evaluates the effectiveness of the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 37, "Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material," and determines whether such requirements are adequate to protect high-risk radiological material. The enclosed report provides the results of this evaluation.

Please feel free to contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:
Effectiveness of Part 37 of
Title 10 of the *Code of
Federal Regulations*

cc: Senator Barbara Mikulski

Identical letter sent to:

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The Honorable Harold Rogers
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Washington, DC 20515
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