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*The Honorable Ivan Selin
Chairman and Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1 White Flint North Building
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20555*

Dear Commissioner Selin:

Enclosed is a letter I have sent to Vice President Gore with a list of some of the opportunities we see for cooperation between the United States and Russia on environmental issues.

I am sending it to you because Alaska appreciates the efforts you and your colleagues have made already on issues such as nuclear safety, dumping in the oceans, and building strong partnerships for environmental protection in the arctic.

With the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I hope we can bring the Bilibino Nuclear Power Plant into the list of priority facilities under the Lisbon Initiative. A small measure of communications and monitoring equipment that was found necessary to provide us all, Bilibino plant managers included, with a measure of greater comfort was greatly appreciated.

I also hope the NRC can join with us as we conduct a nuclear emergency response drill next spring under the umbrella of both the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy and The Northern Forum.

We thank the NRC for its participation in the Bilibino Nuclear Power Plant site visit, and for the many courtesies extended by its staff as Alaska has addressed the risks of Russian nuclear power.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter J. Hickel".

Walter J. Hickel
Governor

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