

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable J. Danforth Quayle President of the United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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