



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 29, 2020

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am transmitting the calendar year 2019 "Report to Congress on the Security Programs for Operating Commercial Nuclear Power Plants and Category I Fuel Cycle Facilities: Results and Status Update." Section 170D.e of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, requires the NRC to submit a report to Congress, in both classified (if needed) and unclassified form, that describes the results of each security response evaluation conducted at NRC-licensed facilities and any related corrective actions taken by a licensee during the previous year. For calendar year 2019, there were no items to report that required classified or safeguards markings.

During calendar year 2019, the NRC conducted 180 security inspections at operating commercial nuclear power plants and Category I (CAT I) fuel cycle facilities. Of these, 20 were security evaluations (commonly called force-on-force inspections) to assess the ability of a private security force at a licensed facility to defend against any applicable design-basis threat. Enclosure 1 discusses security program activities and the publicly available results of security inspections conducted by the NRC at nuclear power plants and CAT I fuel cycle facilities. Enclosure 2 discusses the nonpublic results of the security inspections conducted. If a finding is identified during a security inspection, the NRC staff ensures that the licensee implements adequate compensatory measures until the problem is corrected.

Enclosure 1 to this letter will be publicly available. Enclosure 2 will not be made available to the public as it contains Security-Related Information in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," and its disclosure to unauthorized individuals could present a security vulnerability. I respectfully request that you honor these markings that limit access to Enclosure 2 to those who have a need to know and that the document be handled and stored accordingly.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Svinicki', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosures:

1. Publicly Available Report
2. Security-Related Information Report

cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper

**Identical letter sent to:**

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper

The Honorable Mike Braun  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air  
and Nuclear Safety  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
cc: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
cc: Representative Greg Walden

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
cc: Representative Fred Upton

The Honorable Paul Tonko  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment  
and Climate Change  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
cc: Representative John Shimkus