



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

August 31, 1998

The Honorable John Chafee, Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Senator Max Baucus

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