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Ms. Shirley Ann Jackson Chairwoman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Chairwoman Jackson.

President Clinton issued a Memoranaum on June 5, 1997, encouraging the use of Project Labor Agreements by all departments and agencies with regard to the award of contracts for the construction of a facility to be owned by a Federal department or agency. The President's Memorandum applies to projects which will cost more than \$5 million. Further, the Memorandum does not preclude the use of Project Labor Agreements in leasehold arrangements and other federally funded projects.

From June 1997 through the end of the 105th Congress, the Committee on Education and the Workforce requested that all federal departments and agencies advise the Committee in the event a Project Labor Agreement was contemplated. A May 1998 General Accounting Office (GAO) report found that there is minimal information available with respect to the number and efficiency of Project Labor Agreements. The Committee intends to continue to compile data with regard to Project Labor Agreements during the 106th Congress

The Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations (Subcommittee) of the Committee on Education and the Workforce is responsible for ensuring the effective, efficient, and economical administration of all matters within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the Lease of Representatives, we request that you provide the Subcommittee written notice in the event you contemplate using a Project Labor Agreement. Please note this request is continuing in nature. In such event, please provide a brief description of the project; the estimated cost; an explanation of how the Project Labor Agreement will advance the Government's interest in cost, efficiency, and quality; the names of the unions or bidders who responded to the request for proposals; and a copy of the request for proposals.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Lauren L. Fuller or Peter Gunas at 202-225-7101.

Sincerely

OHN A. BOEHWER

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cc: The Honorable Robert E. Andrews Ranking Minority Member

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