

March 12, 2012

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Commission, I am pleased to submit the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) report on the status of its implementation of the Near-Term Task Force recommendations related to the insights gained from the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident. This fulfills the request contained in the Conference Report on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74), to provide a written status report on the one year anniversary of the Fukushima disaster.

The enclosed report documents the decisive, well-informed regulatory actions taken by the NRC in response to the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident. The Commission has issued three orders modifying power reactor licenses and construction permits, as well as a request for information regarding additional concerns. The NRC will evaluate the responses to the request for information and take additional regulatory action as necessary. Furthermore, the NRC continues to evaluate longer-term recommendations and assess additional issues as they are identified.

The NRC staff has maintained its focus on the agency's safety mission throughout its rigorous evaluation of the insights gained from Fukushima. Stakeholders from other agencies, public interest groups, and the nuclear industry have been actively engaged to ensure that our regulatory actions are well-informed and effectively targeted at ensuring reactor safety in the United States. I want to assure you that the NRC will continue its diligent efforts to work in an open, transparent manner as we continue to implement the lessons learned from the Fukushima accident.

Please contact me for any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko

Enclosure:
Fukushima Status Report

cc: Representative Norm Dicks

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