

February 15, 2008

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the United States Senate
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to present to you the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2008-2013. The Strategic Plan describes our mission and establishes our strategic direction by defining the goals and outcomes we intend to pursue.

This Strategic Plan addresses important changes in the use of radioactive materials that are taking place in the United States and abroad. For example, the NRC has begun to receive applications to construct and operate the new generation of nuclear power plants, the first such applications since the 1970's. This is an enormous challenge for the agency, but one which we are well positioned to address. In addition, the agency anticipates receiving an application from the Department of Energy to construct and operate a high-level waste repository to dispose of high-level radioactive waste during the time period covered by the plan. The Strategic Plan describes how the NRC will address these and other challenges over the next several years.

The Commission is confident that the clear strategic direction provided by this plan, combined with the hard work and dedication of its employees, will result in the agency accomplishing its mission for the American people.

Sincerely,

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As stated

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