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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
All NRC Staff
FROM: Gregory B. Jaczko 
SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE IN RESPONDING TO THE
FUKUSHIMA DAI-ICHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ACCIDENT

It is with great appreciation that I thank you for your leadership and technical dedication in NRC's response to the March 2011 accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. Many NRC staff were directly or indirectly involved in the accident response; while others continued to ensure our important domestic safety mission was accomplished through our normal inspections, licensing, and enforcement activities. Our capacity and capability to respond to the unforeseen accident is a testament to the staff's dedication to our public health and safety mission, and an example of the professionalism of federal employees.

I would also like to share with you the attached letter from Ambassador Roos, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan. He wrote to express appreciation for the critical support provided by many NRC staff who served in the Japanese Embassy, and the extended team back in the States.

I look forward to working with you in another successful year of carrying out NRC's safety mission.

Attachment: As stated



AMBASSADOR OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TOKYO

December 5, 2011

Mr. Gregory B. Jaczko
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Jaczko,

I am writing to thank you for your continued personal support to our Embassy and to express my deep appreciation for the efforts of your staff here in Japan and of all the men and women of the NRC supporting them from Washington. They have been invaluable over these past months since the events at Fukushima.

As you know, in times of crisis our American embassies around the world become the focal points of the generosity of the American people. We have a great tradition of standing arm-in-arm with suffering peoples during tragic times. We have provided tremendous aid throughout the years in response to various natural and man-made events, but we have never confronted the confluence of one of the worst earthquakes ever measured, followed by a devastating tsunami, and compounded by one of the worst nuclear incidents in history. The tragedy of the earthquake and tsunami that left thousands dead and missing and hundreds of thousands in shelters was overlaid with deep-seated public anxiety over the continuing events at Fukushima.

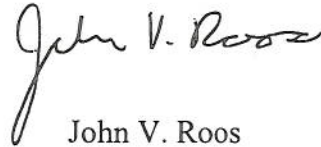
In the midst of this turmoil, the team you amassed to support us, led by Chuck Casto, has been a thoughtful and deliberate voice of reason. Besides meeting with their Japanese counterparts and working hard to provide their best advice and assistance to stabilize the situation, they have helped us in the Embassy place the media reports of incidents related to Fukushima in their proper context. This in turn has helped us provide valuable information to assure the large community of American citizens throughout Japan.

During those intensive months as I walked the halls and met with our staff, several long-serving employees remarked that these were this Embassy's finest hours. The professionalism, commitment to excellence and dedication of your team both here and in Washington have been evident throughout these long and difficult months. Their articulate communication of complex technical issues has helped me to understand the challenges

before us and to maneuver through the uncharted waters. In addition, the team here has interacted with our Japanese colleagues in a manner that reflects well on the United States and will serve to strengthen our alliance with Japan as we worked to resolve many serious issues.

The excellence, professionalism, and public service dedication of the men and women of the NRC were on display throughout this crisis and brought great credit to the NRC and the United States of America. Please convey to them my heartfelt appreciation for all of their support to this Mission and the American community we serve, and to our good friends, the people of Japan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John V. Roos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "R".

John V. Roos