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FINAL REPLY:

Senator Debbie Stabenow

TO:

Commission

FOR SIGNATURE OF : \*\* PRI \*\* CRC NO: 12-0221

Chairman Jaczko

DESC:

ROUTING:

Safety Issues with Palisades Nuclear Power Plant  
(EDATS: SECY-2012-0279)

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**EDATS Number:** SECY-2012-0279**Source:** SECY**General Information****Assigned To:** OEDO**OEDO Due Date:** 6/20/2012 11:00 PM**Other Assignees:****SECY Due Date:** 6/22/2012 11:00 PM**Subject:** Safety Issues with Palisades Nuclear Power Plant**Description:****CC Routing:** NRR; RegionIII; OGC; OCA**ADAMS Accession Numbers - Incoming:** NONE**Response/Package:** NONE**Other Information****Cross Reference Number:** G20120377, LTR-12-0221**Staff Initiated:** NO**Related Task:****Recurring Item:** NO**File Routing:** EDATS**Agency Lesson Learned:** NO**OEDO Monthly Report Item:** NO**Process Information****Action Type:** Letter**Priority:** Medium**Signature Level:** Chairman Jaczko**Sensitivity:** None**Urgency:** NO**Approval Level:** No Approval Required**OEDO Concurrence:** YES**OCM Concurrence:** NO**OCA Concurrence:** NO**Special Instructions:** Please prepare response in accordance with OEDO Notice 2009-0441-02 (ML093290179). NRR and Region III to provide input to Roger Rihm, OEDO, if required. Roger Rihm will coordinate response with OGC and OCA.**Document Information****Originator Name:** Senator Debbie Stabenow**Date of Incoming:** 5/17/2012**Originating Organization:** Congress**Document Received by SECY Date:** 6/1/2012**Addressee:** Commission**Date Response Requested by Originator:** NONE**Incoming Task Received:** Letter

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ACTION OFFICE: EDO

AUTHOR: SEN Debbie Stabenow  
AFFILIATION: CONG  
ADDRESSEE: CHRM Gregory Jaczko  
SUBJECT: Concerns the Palisades nuclear power plant

ACTION: Signature of Chairman  
DISTRIBUTION: RF, OCA to Ack

LETTER DATE: 05/17/2012

ACKNOWLEDGED No  
SPECIAL HANDLING: Commission Correspondence

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FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

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# United States Senate

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May 17, 2012

The Honorable Gregory Jaczko, Chairman  
The Honorable Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner  
The Honorable George Apostolakis, Commissioner  
The Honorable William Magwood, Commissioner  
The Honorable William Ostendorff, Commissioner  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop O-16G4  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Jaczko and Honorable Commissioners,

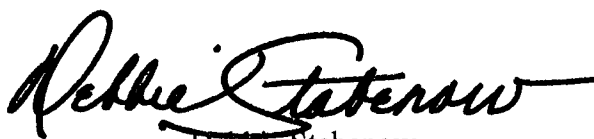
I am writing to express concerns regarding the Palisades nuclear power plant located in Covert, Michigan and related Nuclear Regulatory Commission actions.

As you know, on September 25, 2011, the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant was shut down for a week due to electrical errors. There was also a component coupling failure at the plant in August 2011 and a water pump failure in May 2011. Due to continuing issues, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has downgraded this plant to the "Regulatory Response Column" with the possibility of being downgraded further to the "Degraded Cornerstone Column."

The safety of the Palisades plant is of the utmost importance to me and the residents of Michigan. Palisades is an important job creator, providing more than 650 jobs in the area, and it must be capable of operating safely and effectively to continue powering Michigan businesses and homes. In the wake of multiple shutdowns and equipment issues, I am very concerned about the impact of these safety issues on the community and our state.

Therefore, I respectfully request a detailed report of all the actions taken by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to address the recent safety issues at the Palisades plant, as well as a detailed report of the history of incidents at Palisades that led to the downgrading of the plant's safety status.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator