

**Congress of the United States****Washington, D.C. 20515**

October 9, 1996

The Honorable Shirley Jackson  
Chairwoman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairwoman Jackson:

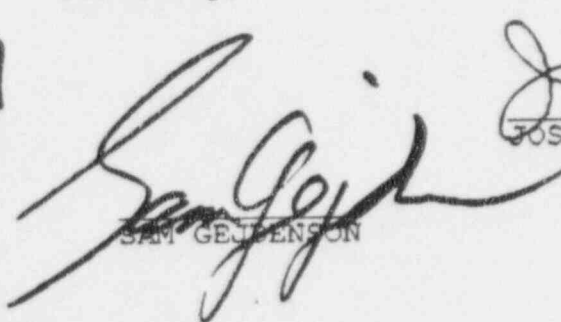
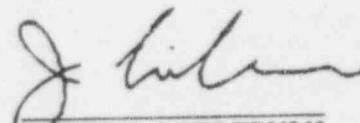
Thank you for taking time out of your demanding schedule to come to Connecticut to meet with our constituents about the status of the Millstone Nuclear facility in Waterford, Connecticut. At that meeting you announced that an independent assessment team consisting of highly qualified engineers would be formed to verify the results of the corrective action program at the nuclear plants. Since that meeting, officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) have briefed our staffs on the implementation of this program.

It is our understanding that a group of NRC engineers and scientists will also perform inspections at the facility and that the newly formed Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC) in Connecticut will be permitted to act as observers during the entire process. The NEAC, comprised of experts in the nuclear industry, was formed to address the safety and operations of Connecticut's nuclear facilities. The Council will submit findings and recommendations to the state legislature early next year.

We also request that every effort be made to ensure that this Independent Corrective Action Verification Program (ICAVP) remain an open process and that a mechanism for public comment be implemented. We would also encourage periodic public status meetings to ensure that the citizens of our state are kept informed of the findings and progress of the inspection.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping this verification program open and thorough.

Sincerely,

  
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