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**Mr. Scott D. Portzline
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Dear Mr. Portzline:

This serves to acknowledge and thank you for your recent correspondence.

Like you, we are alarmed at the ability to secure-very extensive detail regarding nuclear power plant sites, including their defensive facilities, as a result of the detailed satellite images and multi-dimensional graphics which are instantly and easily accessible to anyone in the world.

I well know the general interest in the matter of transparency and having much information available to the public, but there should be a limit on this when it comes to matters of national security.

Military installations and certain types of other sensitive sites have blurred images on the Web but, for whatever reason, this same protection is not accorded to what is available on the Web regarding nuclear power facilities. It is critical that the federal government take appropriate action to resolve this by mandating the highest level of restriction on images and information that can affect public safety at these nuclear power plants.

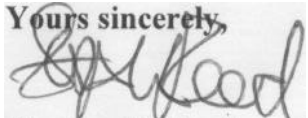
We also share your concern regarding the fact that there are no guards posted at the nuclear plant entrances. Both the nuclear utility industry and the NRC insist that these guards are not necessary for an effective defense against terrorism and other threats. While it is true that there are a variety of monitoring and detection devices employed on the perimeter of nuclear facilities, it is our view that having eyes and ears on the ground at the same perimeter would be an appropriate further enhancement to the protection of these facilities.

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With-warmest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Chief Daniel Soulier