

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer, (D-MD) today reviewed the security measures in place to keep Constellation's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, the Dominion Cove Point LNG facility and the communities surrounding each facility protected. Rep. Hoyer was given a tour of Calvert Cliffs and watched a demonstration of the security exercises employed by the Coast Guard on the Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Hoyer also took a ride on a Coast Guard boat to the Cove Point docking pier to tour the offshore platform.

“As a proponent of nuclear power, I was pleased to visit Calvert Cliffs today to tour the facility and I was very impressed by their efforts to keep their facility and the surrounding community safe and secure,” said Congressman Hoyer. “I was pleased to see the additional security measures in place since 9/11 and particularly that this world class facility has put a security program in place that makes the safety of Calvert County and their employees a top priority.

“I was also pleased to have the opportunity to be briefed by the U.S. Coast Guard on their efforts to ensure the security of the Chesapeake Bay, particularly when a tanker is in transit in the Bay and docked at the Dominion Cove Point offshore platform. I am pleased both Constellation and Dominion are working with federal and state authorities on security especially in light of their expansion plans.

“And I appreciated the opportunity to see first hand the talented Coast Guardsmen at work who we have protecting our coastline. Our community and our nation are grateful for their efforts.

“Last week I supported the comprehensive Energy bill that will help the nation and the state of Maryland meet our energy needs. This bill will help strengthen the economy and create jobs in Southern Maryland by encouraging investments in energy infrastructure such as the expansion of nuclear and natural gas facilities like Calvert Cliffs and Dominion Cove Point.

“I will continue to work to ensure that future generations of Marylanders enjoy the economic rewards of a stable and secure energy supply and a cleaner environment for decades to come, and the bill I supported last week will help create jobs in our state, strengthen the energy security of the region and help move the nation move toward energy independence,” Hoyer added.

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