

September 19, 2013

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of August 2, 2013. You inquired about recent direction from the Commission to the staff to provide a "fresh assessment" on issues relating to foreign ownership, including recommendations on any proposed modifications to guidance or practice on foreign ownership, domination, or control that may be warranted.

The staff published a *Federal Register* Notice on June 3, 2013, (78 FR 33121) to obtain the public's views on issues relating to foreign ownership, control, or domination to consider in its conclusions and recommendations to the Commission. The comments contained in your letter of August 2, 2013, will be considered by the NRC staff in its assessment.

Responses to your specific inquiries are enclosed. If you have any additional questions, please contact me or Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

Allison M. Macfarlane

Enclosure:  
As stated