



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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The Honorable Andy Kim  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kim:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your January 9, 2020, letter in which you expressed opposition to aspects of the NRC staff's recommendations that would reduce annual inspection hours associated with the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) inspection program. Thank you for sharing your views.

In 2019, the NRC staff established a team to evaluate the effectiveness and consistency of the agency's ISFSI inspection program across the NRC's four regions. The NRC staff conducted its review of the inspection program by considering probabilistic risk analyses, operating experience, and lessons learned from 30 years of ISFSI inspections. Since January 2019, the NRC staff also held public meetings on a variety of issues that included discussions of the status of this effort. Members of the public were invited to participate in each of these meetings, which were conducted via webinar or included a telephone bridge line to facilitate participation.

At a December 2, 2019 public meeting, the NRC staff discussed the results of the team's assessment of the ISFSI inspection program and recommendations for possible changes. The NRC staff also requested public comments by December 20, 2019. The staff's recommendations and public comments will be evaluated before any final decision is made.

I appreciate your interest in these matters. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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