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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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Dear Mr. Tschiltz:

I am responding to the petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you submitted on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 15, 2015.¹ You requested ~~that~~ the NRC ~~to~~ modify its regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.69, "Risk-informed categorization and treatment of structures, systems and components for nuclear power reactors," to clarify and extend their applicability to allow ~~holders of combined~~ licensees under 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," to implement the provisions of 10 CFR 50.69. The NRC docketed the PRM on February 6, 2015, under Docket Number PRM-50-110.

On March 27, 2015, the NRC published a notice of docketing in the *Federal Register* (80 FR 16308). The NRC held a public meeting on September 16, 2015,² to gain further understanding of the scope and basis for the PRM.

The NRC has reviewed your petition and supporting rationale. For the reasons provided in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice, the NRC will consider the ~~technical~~ issue raised in your PRM in the ~~ongoing~~ Incorporation of Lessons Learned ~~From~~ New Reactor Licensing Process (Parts 50 and 52 Licensing Process Alignment) rulemaking.

NRC action on the issue raised in PRM-50-110 can be monitored on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <https://www.regulations.gov>, by searching for Docket ID NRC-2015-0028, ~~which is~~ the docket number ~~for assigned to~~ this petition (PRM-50-110), and Docket ID NRC-2009-0196, ~~which is~~ the docket number for the Incorporation of Lessons Learned ~~From~~ New Reactor Licensing Process (Parts 50 and 52 Licensing Process Alignment) rulemaking. In addition, the Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe to alerts: (1) navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2009-0196), (2) click the "Sign up for E-mail Alerts" link, and (3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

The NRC tracks the status of PRMs on its Web sites at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html> and <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/rules-petitions.html>. In addition, the NRC publishes a Unified Agenda, ~~which is~~ a semiannual compilation of all rules on which the NRC has recently completed action, has proposed action, or is considering action. The Unified Agenda may be found on the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking.html>. As in all rulemakings, the NRC will solicit and consider public comments during the proposed rule phase of the rulemaking before determining the approach that will be the basis for the final rule.

The docket for this petition is closed. You may direct any questions regarding this matter to Andrew Carrera at 301-415-1078, or by e-mailing Andrew.Carrera@nrc.gov.

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15037A481.

² The summary of this meeting may be found at ADAMS Accession No. ML15268A353.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:
Federal Register notice