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Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for commenting on SECY-01-0137, "Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings." You have mentioned some important points for the Commission to consider as it evaluates the staff's proposal, and we will certainly take these points into account as we deliberate.

Our intent is to improve the current process by enhancing public participation, and establishing a fair and reasonable level of consistency in the handling of meetings across the agency. We will provide you with a copy of the final policy when it becomes available. We appreciate your thoughtful views.

Sincerely,

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