

October 6, 2003

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Your petition has been docketed pursuant to 10 CFR 2.802 to recognize your request for amendment of the Commission's regulations. The petition has been assigned Docket Number PRM-40-29. The enclosed notice acknowledging receipt of the petition and requesting public comment will be published in the Federal Register.

Your petition and the NRC Federal Register notice of receipt will be made available on the NRC's rulemaking website at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Questions regarding this website may be directed to Carol Gallagher of my staff at 301-415-5905 or e-mail: CAG@NRC.gov.

As staff review progresses on your petition, it may be necessary to request additional information. Please reference the assigned docket number on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition. Any questions regarding this proceeding may be directed to me or to Cindy Bladey on our toll-free number 1-800-368-5642, extension 7163 or 6026. Upon expiration of the comment period, we will provide you with copies of any comments that have been received in response to the notice of receipt for your petition for rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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