

October 21, 2003

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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF DENIAL OF PETITION
FOR RULEMAKING (PRM) 52-1 AND 52-2

Dear Mr. Burzynski:

This letter is to announce the publication in the *Federal Register* of Notices of Denial of PRM 52-1 and PRM 52-2. The denial notices were published on October 3, 2003, and September 29, 2003, respectively. Both PRM 52-1 and PRM 52-2 were submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on July 18, 2001. In PRM 52-1, NEI requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amend its regulations to allow applicants seeking an early site permit (ESP) and a combined license (COL) to use existing information from prior licensing actions as resolved information that has been approved by the NRC and has been subject to a public hearing. The Commission is denying the petition because most of the efficiencies, regulatory stability and predictability which are the object of the petitioner's proposal can be achieved under existing regulations and the guidance that the Commission has directed the NRC staff to prepare. In addition, several key aspects of the petition are based on a misapplication of the "current licensing basis" concept and the Backfit Rule, and the petition does not represent a viable approach for achieving the desired efficiencies.

In PRM 52-2, NEI requested that the NRC amend its regulations to remove requirements that applicants and licensees analyze, and the NRC evaluates, alternative energy sources and the need for power with respect to the siting, construction, and operation of nuclear power plants. The NRC is denying the petition because the NRC must continue to consider alternative energy sources and the need for power to fulfill its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

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Sincerely,

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