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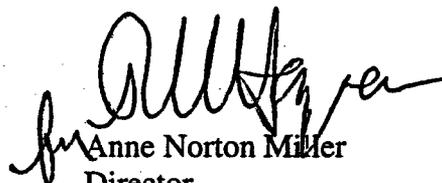
Dear Mr. Zalzman:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Proposed Rule – Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants (10 CFR Parts 1,2,et al.).

NRC is proposing to amend its regulations by revising the provisions applicable to the licensing and approval processes for nuclear power plants. It is also making necessary conforming amendments throughout the regulations to enhance its effectiveness and efficiency in implementing its licensing and approval processes. We commend NRC's efforts in preparing this proposed rule that clarifies these issues and concerns by means of addressing the applicability of various requirements to each of the licensing processes (i.e., early site permit, standard design approval, standard design certification, combined license, and manufacturing license).

We appreciate the opportunity to review this proposed rule. The staff contact for the review is Marthea Rountree and she can be reached at (202) 564-7141.

Sincerely,

  
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