

December 21, 2006

Mark J. Langer, Clerk
U. S. Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia Circuit
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: *Public Citizen, Inc., and San Luis Obispo Mothers For Peace v. NRC,*
No. 03-1181

Dear Mr. Langer,

Enclosed are an original and four copies of a Joint Status Report. Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter to indicate date of receipt, and return it to me in the enclosed envelope, postage pre-paid, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: As stated

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC., and)	
SAN LUIS OBISPO MOTHERS)	
FOR PEACE,)	
Petitioners,)	
)	
v.)	No. 03-1181
)	
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY)	
COMMISSION and the UNITED)	
STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On September 19, 2005, the Court ordered this case held in abeyance pending rulemaking proceedings by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission dealing with its design basis threat regulations. The Court also directed the parties to file status reports at 90-day intervals. The parties' last status report was filed on September 26, 2006.

In accordance with section 651(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the NRC published a proposed design-basis threat rule in the *Federal*

Register on November 7, 2005. See Proposed Rule, *Design Basis Threat*, 70 Fed. Reg. 67,380. The comment period expired on February 22, 2006. See Proposed Rule: Reopening of Comment Period, *Design Basis Threat; Reopening of Comment Period*, 71 Fed. Reg. 3,791 (Jan. 24, 2006). The Commission expects to issue a final rule no later than the statutory deadline of May 7, 2007, and perhaps sooner.

The parties will submit their next status report within 90 days. In the meantime, the parties request that the Court continue to hold this case in abeyance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 21, 2006, copies of the foregoing joint status report were served by mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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