

October 9, 2007

The Honorable Rick Boucher
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is the final rule, "Limited Work Authorizations for Nuclear Power Plants." The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is forwarding this final rule to the Office of the Federal Register for publication. This final rule amends the NRC's regulations applicable to limited work authorizations (LWA). Limited work authorizations allow limited construction activities, such as the installation of foundations for certain structures at nuclear power plants, to begin before a construction permit or combined license is issued by the NRC. This final rule modifies the scope of activities that are considered construction for which a construction permit, combined license, or LWA is necessary; specifies the scope of construction activities that may be performed under an LWA; and changes the review and approval process for LWA requests. In addition, as a result of the changes to the definition of construction, the NRC is amending its regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NRC is adopting these changes to enhance the efficiency of its licensing and approval process for new nuclear power reactors.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative J. Dennis Hastert

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

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cc: Senator James M. Inhofe

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cc: Representative Joe Barton

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
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Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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cc: Senator George V. Voinovich