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NRC has considered the petition and your supporting rationale. For the reasons provided in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice, NRC has denied the petition. In summary, the petition is not being considered for inclusion in NRC's rulemaking process because current NRC regulations have a sound scientific and technical basis and provide adequate protection of public health and safety, and because the petitioner has not presented sufficient peer-reviewed data pertinent to the types and levels of exposure associated with the concentration values used in Part 20 to provide a sufficient reason for NRC to initiate a revision to its regulations at this time.

The *Federal Register* notice indicating that the issues in the petition are not being considered in the rulemaking process is being transmitted to the Office of the Federal Register for publication.

Sincerely,

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