

April 11, 2011

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of March 8, 2011, expressing support for the Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) submitted by the American Physical Society. The PRM requests that a rulemaking be instituted to require the NRC to perform a nuclear proliferation assessment for licensing actions Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material." The NRC docketed the PRM (Docket PRM-70-9) and requested public comments by March 8, 2011. The PRM will be considered by the Commission in accordance with NRC regulations. Your letter has been added to the docket for this PRM and will be considered along with the other comments received.

I assure you that the NRC will give this PRM careful consideration and will continue to regulate nuclear materials to ensure protection of public health and safety and the environment, promotion of the common defense and security, and fulfillment of U.S. obligations in nonproliferation and international agreements. If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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