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Subject: Status of petition for rulemaking submitted to the NRC
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Mr. Mariotte,

I am writing in regard to your February 15, 2012, letter in which you submitted a petition for rulemaking (PRM) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You requested that the NRC amend the regulations for emergency planning in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50.47 and Part 50 Appendix E to expand the existing emergency planning zones, create a new emergency planning zone, and require the incorporation of concurrent natural disasters in the required periodic emergency plan drills.

The petition was docketed as PRM-50-104, and a Notice of Receipt and request for public comment on PRM-50-104 was published in the Federal Register on April 30, 2012 (77 FR 25374). The public comment period ended on July 16, 2012. The NRC received 286 public comments and several thousand identical form letters. These comments have been posted at www.regulations.gov (ID: NRC-2012-0046).

The NRC staff is considering the merits of your PRM and the public comment received. Once the PRM has been resolved, a notice will be published in the *Federal Register* explaining the Commission's finding. You will also receive a letter at that time notifying you of the action that the Commission has taken.

Please feel free to contact me at Daniel.Doyle@nrc.gov or (301)-415-3748 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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