

September 21, 2012

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Dear Mr. Weaver:

This letter is in reference to your petition for rulemaking (PRM) that was submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on June 22, 2012 (NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML12177A377). Your petition has been docketed under § 2.802 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Petition for rulemaking," to recognize your request that the NRC initiate a rulemaking "to revise its regulations to clearly and unequivocally require the environmental qualification of all safety-related cables, wires, splices, connections and other ancillary electrical equipment that may be subjected to submergence and/or moisture intrusion during normal operating conditions, severe weather, seasonal flooding, and seismic events, and post-accident conditions, both inside and outside of containment." Your petition has been assigned Docket Number PRM-50-106.

The enclosed notice acknowledging receipt of the petition will be published in the *Federal Register*. The NRC is not instituting a public comment period for this PRM at this time. As the staff reviews your petition, it may be necessary to request additional information. Please reference the assigned docket number on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition.

You may direct any questions you may have concerning the petition process or the status of your petition to Cindy Bladey at 301-492-3667 (e-mail: [Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov](mailto:Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov)) or to Tanya Hood at 301-492-3496 (e-mail: [Tanya.Hood@nrc.gov](mailto:Tanya.Hood@nrc.gov)).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:  
Notice of receipt of petition  
for rulemaking