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Subject: Status of Petitions for Rulemaking (PRMs) — PRM-51-14 through PRM-51-28
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Dear Petitioner:

I am writing in response to the letters dated August 10-11, 2011, by which fifteen petitions for rulemaking (PRMs) were submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on behalf of Taxpayers and Ratepayers United, et al. The PRMs requested that the NRC rescind its regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* that allow generic conclusions about the environmental impacts of severe reactor and spent fuel accidents and its regulations that preclude considerations of those issues in individual licensing proceedings. The PRMs also requested the NRC to suspend multiple ongoing licensing proceedings while the NRC considers these petitions and the environmental issues raised in the Fukushima Task Force Report.

The PRMs were docketed as PRM-51-14 through PRM-51-28. Notice of Receipt for these petitions was published in the *Federal Register* on November 10, 2011 (76 FR 70067). As stated in the Federal Register Notice, the Commission issued a Memorandum and Order, Union Electric Company D/B/A/Ameren Missouri et al. (Callaway Plant, Unit, et al.), CLI-11-05, ___ NRC ___ (Sept. 9, 2011)(slip op. at 41) which declined the petitioners' request to suspend any of the licensing or rulemaking proceedings pending resolution of these rulemaking petitions. The NRC is still in the process of reviewing the

"Recommendations for Enhancing Reactor Safety in the 21st Century: The Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Accident" (Fukushima Task Force Report, ML111861807), dated July 12, 2011. The NRC will continue to consider the issues raised by these PRMs and is not providing a separate opportunity for public comment on the PRMs at this time. However, the petitions have been posted on line at www.regulations.gov (ID: NRC-2011-0189).

I will continue to keep you apprised of the NRC's progress on its review of these petitions.

Please feel free to contact me at Stewart.Schneider@nrc.gov or (301) 415-4123 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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