

December 7, 2012

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In regard to your letter, the staff is determining whether or not any new information has been provided (i.e., information that the NRC staff has not previously considered). The NRC staff will provide its evaluation to the Chairman for her use in responding to you. The NRC takes its safety responsibility seriously, and we welcome opportunities to discuss nuclear safety issues in an open and collaborative manner.

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