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Dear Petitioner:

This e-mail provides an update to the letters dated August 10-11, 2011, by which 15 petitions for rulemaking (PRM) 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 pool 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. The notice of receipt for these petitions was published in the *Federal Register* on November 10, 2011 (76 FR 70067). In SECY-13-0020, "Third 6-Month Status Update on Response to Lessons Learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tōhoku Earthquake and Subsequent Tsunami," dated February 14, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A516), the NRC staff described the ongoing regulatory activities to address the Near-Term Task Force's (NTTF) recommendations in SECY-11-0093, "Near-Term Report and Recommendations for Agency Actions Following the Events in Japan" (ADAMS Accession No. ML11186A950), including issues related to severe reactor and spent fuel pool events. The NRC has not taken any further action on the PRMs at this time. 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. You can monitor the docket for your petition on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0189. The Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: 1) navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2011-0189); 2) click the "E-mail Alert" link; and 3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly). The NRC also tracks petition for rulemaking actions at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html>.

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