

April 16, 2013

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Dear Ms. Ginsburg:

This letter is in reference to your petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 25, 2013 (NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML13035A186), on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute. Your petition has been docketed under § 2.802 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Petition for rulemaking," to acknowledge your request that the NRC amend its regulations at 10 CFR 73.56(a)(4), 10 CFR 73.56(a)(5), and 10 CFR 73.56(l) to impose a limited scope of third-party review of denials or revocations of licensee unescorted access decisions to ensure that such decisions cannot be overturned by any third party.

Your petition has been assigned Docket No. PRM-73-16. Please reference this docket number on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition. The enclosed notice acknowledging receipt of the petition will be published in the *Federal Register*. The NRC is requesting public comment on your petition for rulemaking. As the staff reviews your petition, it may be necessary to request additional information.

You can monitor the docket for your petition on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2013-0024. In addition, 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-2013-0024; (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 all petition actions on its Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html>.

You may direct any questions you have concerning the petition process or the status of your petition to Cindy Bladey at 301-492-3667 (e-mail: Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov) or to Angella Love Blair at 301-492-3671 (e-mail: Angella.Love-Blair@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
Notice of receipt of petition
for rulemaking