

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 19, 2013

The Honorable Edward J. Markey United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 2013, regarding your concerns on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's draft study on the potential consequences of a severe earthquake on the spent fuel pools of US Mark I Boiling Water Reactors.

Please be assured that we are working on a response and a reply will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director Office of Congressional Affairs