

December 6, 2013

Mr. Michael Manetas
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE
HUMBOLDT BAY LICENSE TERMINATION PLAN PUBLIC MEETING AND THE
AVAILABILITY OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY LICENSE TERMINATION PLAN

Dear Mr. Manetas:

I am responding to your October 25, 2013, E-Mail to Chairman MacFarlane regarding the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Reactor. I appreciate your interest in public involvement in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) decommissioning process and understand your concerns regarding the availability of the Humboldt Bay License Termination Plan (LTP) on the NRC's web site.

Public involvement in the NRC's activities is a cornerstone of strong, fair regulation of the nuclear industry. The NRC recognizes the public's interest in the proper regulation of nuclear activities and provides opportunities for citizens to make their opinions known. The NRC seeks to elicit public involvement early in the regulatory process so that safety concerns that may affect a community can be resolved in a timely and practical manner. This process is considered vital to assuring the public that the NRC is making sound, balanced decisions about nuclear safety. Consistent with this policy, the NRC held the public meeting on August 20, 2013, to discuss the submittal of the Humboldt Bay LTP and the NRC's review process. That meeting was noticed consistent with our standard practice. Specifically, notice of the meeting was provided on the NRC's web site, in the *Federal Register*, and in the local newspaper. The licensee also agreed to mention the meeting at public interactions they held in the months prior to the meeting. We also understand that the meeting was mentioned on local radio as a result of the newspaper notice. Also, public outreach has been conducted by the licensee throughout the decommissioning process, including through the efforts of the Humboldt Bay Citizens Advisory Board.

I would like to apologize for any difficulty you had locating the LTP on the NRC's web site. I appreciate that it can sometimes be difficult to locate a specific document in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). However, I would like to point out that the Accession Number, or ADAMS location number, for the Humboldt Bay LTP was included in the meeting notices in both the *Federal Register* and local newspaper. In addition, the Humboldt Bay Project Manager, John Hickman, mentioned at the public meeting that he had copies of the LTP on a compact disc with him for anyone who would like one.

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Please understand that although sometimes the press of business may delay our response to public inquiries, we do strive to provide timely responses to the public and will always consider public input in our regulatory process.

If you have any questions regarding this issue or have any difficulty accessing Humboldt Bay related documents in the future, please contact John Hickman at 301-415-3017 or by e-mail at john.hickman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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