

December 26, 2013

The Honorable Dan Benishek, M.D.  
Member, United States House of  
Representatives  
1349 S. Otsego, Suite 7A  
Gaylord, MI 49735-1780

Dear Congressman Benishek:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to an email dated November, 20, 2013, from Daniel Blough of your staff. The email forwarded correspondence from Sheriff Don Schneider of Charlevoix County, who expressed concern about the NRC local contacts list not being up to date. That document, generally referred to as a "service list," is an NRC distribution list used to share communications between the NRC and the licensee regarding the Big Rock Point Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation with other interested parties, such as local elected and appointed officials.

Service lists are not used by the NRC or licensee for emergency planning/notification purposes. Rather, those activities are addressed through established incident response processes. This approach requires, among other things, that operators of nuclear facilities develop and maintain effective emergency plans and procedures, including mechanisms and contact lists to provide timely notification to the NRC and State and local government authorities, and make recommendations regarding how to protect the public during an incident. NRC's communication protocols will generally occur through existing formal relationships with, e.g., the State Liaison Officer and the State Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) organization, or through briefings among incident response organization leaders (i.e., Federal, State, or local government representatives).

Maintenance of service lists is an ongoing activity that relies on the cooperation of both the individuals included on a list and the licensee to provide the NRC (directly or through the licensee) with updated information as contact information changes. From time to time, the NRC also may be made aware through other sources of updates that are needed to a service list.

In June 2013, the licensee informed us that the Big Rock Point list needed substantial updating. We responded by updating the list at that time using the new information provided by the licensee, some of which originated with Sheriff Schneider. A copy of the revised list is enclosed for your information. We also recognized that contact data from the NRC's Web Based Licensing system could be used to support future updates to our service lists, although individual and licensee input will continue to be necessary. We will ensure the Web Based Licensing data are used to support future updates.

I appreciate Sheriff Schneider's shared concern in ensuring that the NRC notify all appropriate interested parties on matters regarding Big Rock Point. If you need any additional information, please contact me or the Office of Congressional Affairs at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

***/RA Darren Ash for/***

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