

October 14, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I am responding to your letter of September 19, 2014, which discusses concerns you and your colleagues have regarding the use of qualitative factors in regulatory analyses and backfit analyses. Responses to your specific information requests are enclosed.

The Commission recognizes your concerns on this issue, and assures you that we are carefully and fully evaluating the staff's proposal currently before us in SECY-14-0087, "Qualitative Consideration of Factors in the Development of Regulatory Analyses and Backfit Analyses." We appreciate receiving the views of you and your colleagues, and we will consider them as we deliberate on this matter.

If you need any additional information, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Acting Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosure:
As stated

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