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Dear Petitioner:

This e-mail provides an updated response to the petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you or your organization submitted in August 2011. Your PRM along with 14 other virtually identical PRMs requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rescind its regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* that allow generic conclusions about the environmental impacts of severe reactor and spent fuel pool accidents and that preclude considerations of those issues in individual licensing proceedings. These 15 PRMs also requested that the NRC to suspend multiple ongoing licensing proceedings while the NRC considers these petitions and the environmental issues raised in the Fukushima Task Force Report.

The NRC docketed the 15 PRMs as PRM-51-14 through PRM-51-28. The notice of receipt for these petitions was published in the *Federal Register* on November 10, 2011 (76 FR 70067). In SECY-14-0046, "Fifth 6-Month Status Update on Response to Lessons Learned from Japan's March 11, 2011, Great Tōhoku Earthquake and Subsequent Tsunami," dated July 9, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14190A347), the NRC staff updated the Commission on the status of recommendations for regulatory actions outlined in the Near-Term Task Force's (NTTF) recommendations in SECY-11-0093, "Near-Term Report and Recommendations for Agency Actions Following the Events in Japan" (ADAMS Accession No. ML11186A950), including issues related to severe reactor and spent fuel pool accidents. In addition, NRC staff proposed that certain post-Fukushima rulemaking activities be combined into a single rulemaking activity. On July 9, 2014, the Commission approved the consolidation of the Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies rulemaking (NTTF Recommendations 4 and 7) with the Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities rulemaking (NTTF Recommendation 8), as well as the portions of NTTF Recommendations 9, 10, and 11 that are already being addressed as part of the Mitigating Strategies Order (NRC Order EA-12-049) implementation (NTTF Recommendation 4.2), the Onsite Emergency Response Capabilities rulemaking, and items already being implemented by industry (ADAMS Accession No. ML14064A544).

The NRC has not yet taken any final action on these 15 PRMs. You can monitor the docket for your petition on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2011-0189. 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-2011-0189); 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 petition for rulemaking actions at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doccollections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html>.

Please feel free to contact me at Jennifer.Tobin@nrc.gov or (301) 415-2328 if you have questions.

Thanks!

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