

December 16, 2015

Mr. John W. Stetkar, Chairman  
Advisory Committee on  
Reactor Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS' LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2015, ON SECY-15-0137, "PROPOSED PLANS FOR RESOLVING OPEN FUKUSHIMA TIER 2 AND 3 RECOMENDATIONS"

Dear Mr. Stetkar:

I am responding to your letter dated November 16, 2015 (Agencywide Documents Access Management System Accession No. ML15320A341), in which the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) provided its conclusions and recommendations concerning the staff's proposed plans for resolving the open Fukushima Tier 2 and 3 recommendations.

In your letter, you indicated that the ACRS agrees with the staff's assignment of each open Tier 2 and 3 recommendations into one of three resolution groups, and the staff's conclusion that no further regulatory action is warranted for the Group 1 recommendations. You also indicated that ACRS intends to review the staff's evaluations and closure proposals and plans for the Group 2 and 3 recommendations prior to their submittal to the Commission. With respect to the Group 2 recommendations, your letter includes open questions, which the staff plans to address during upcoming interactions with ACRS in early 2016. The staff will additionally plan interactions with ACRS on the Group 3 recommendations later in 2016.

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We appreciate the ACRS's review of the staff's plans for resolving the Tier 2 and 3 recommendations. We look forward to continued engagement with ACRS as we move forward with resolving the open recommendations.

Sincerely,

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