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Thank you,

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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

RE: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070)

Dear Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to reiterate our support for full funding and engagement of emergency response and preparedness of nuclear power reactors and the decommissioning process. The Board previously supported California Assembly Bill 361, signed into law by Governor Brown, to encourage such action.

The County would like to respectfully request the NRC to extend the comment period for the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for an additional 45 days, until February 18, 2016. This will give stakeholders the necessary additional time to draft and submit comments. The original comment deadline of January 4 is insufficient given the number of federal holidays that fall during the comment period.

Communities that host nuclear power reactors should be actively and substantially engaged in the decommissioning process from the outset. Host communities face a number of significant impacts upon reactor closure including orderly redevelopment of the site, direct and indirect economic impacts related to the loss of employee income and tax revenue, changes in emergency planning requirements and support, and other fiscal impacts related to a major shift in the local economy and employment. Our Board strongly supports more direct engagement with host communities in NRC's decommissioning and closure process.

Section V of the ANPRM entitled "Specific Considerations" asks whether the current role of stakeholders in the decommissioning process should be expanded or enhanced, and how so? A way to expand engagement is through the establishment of a host community decommissioning task force to advise NRC on community impacts before, during, and after reactor closure. While the ANPRM acknowledges that for most decommissioning sites, state and local governments are involved in an

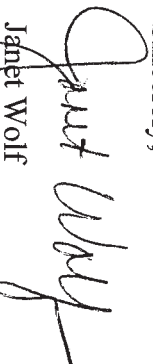
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advisory capacity (as part of a Community Engagement Panel for instance), there is no requirement under current NRC regulations that these advisory panels be formed. As NRC examines potential changes to current regulations, mandating these panels would be an appropriate step toward ensuring local community engagement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070).

Sincerely,


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