

February 22, 2016

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing in reference to my January 15, 2016, letter to you, which responded to a request in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Action 2016. The Joint Explanatory Statement requested NRC to submit a report with the general description and status of the all proposed rules currently pending before the commission, including the docket date for the proposed rule. After further discussing how to characterize the reporting of agency rulemaking activities, we believe that a supplement to the earlier response is necessary.

The NRC has several different ways of tracking rulemaking activities. The list of planned rulemakings provided in my January 15, 2016, response was based on a list provided in our Fiscal Year 2017 Congressional Budget Justification. However, we acknowledge that NRC is tracking additional rulemaking activities, including additional rulemakings planned for completion in fiscal year 2016, rulemakings that may be terminated, and petitions for rulemaking submitted by members of the public. The revised supplement to the earlier response is enclosed.

In order to improve clarity and transparency of the NRC's rulemaking activities, I have issued the attached tasking memorandum directing the NRC staff to improve rulemaking tracking and reporting and to provide a recommendation for the Commission's approval by April 2016.

Please feel free to contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776, if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosures:
As stated

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