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NADO Comments on NRC Decommissioning Regulations



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The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070).

Founded in 1967, NADO promotes regional solutions, partnerships, and strategies that enhance the long-term economic competitiveness and quality of life across America's local communities. The association's core membership serves the nation's 520 regional planning and development organizations – known locally as councils of governments, economic development districts, local development districts, and regional councils – who provide valuable professional and technical assistance to over 2,500 counties and 15,000 small towns and cities.

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. NADO 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? The response from communities that host nuclear facilities is a resounding yes. 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 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.

Sincerely,

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