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Regulatory Improvements for Decommissioning Power Reactors; Extension of Comment Period

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## General Comment

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## Attachments

NRC Decommissioning ltr 03-16



March 18, 2016

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Secretary:

I am submitting comments on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070) on behalf of Grundy Economic Development Council. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the development of potential changes to the decommissioning process for nuclear power reactors. Communities that host nuclear power reactors should be actively and substantially engaged in the decommissioning process from the outset. Exelon operates three nuclear stations in our region, Dresden, LaSalle and Braidwood.

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. I strongly support 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 (Docket No. NRC-2015-0070).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Norton Ammer".

Nancy Norton Ammer, CEO