May 25, 2016

Mr. Alan Morris
4550 N. Park Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. Morris:

I am responding to your petition for rulemaking (PRM), filed on March 14, 2013, as supplemented most recently on December 19, 2013 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML14016A458). Specifically, you requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amend its regulations to require that "new-design programmable logic computers" be installed in the control systems of nuclear power plants in order to block malware attacks on the industrial control systems of those facilities. In addition, you requested that nuclear power plant staff be trained "in the programming and handling of the non-rewriteable memories." The petition was docketed as PRM-73-17, and the NRC published a notice of receipt in the *Federal Register* (FR) on February 7, 2014 (79 FR 7406), and on www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2013-0214.

The NRC has considered the petition and the arguments raised therein. For the reasons stated in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice, your petition for rulemaking is denied.

The NRC has determined that no significant new information or arguments have been presented as part of this petition that would support the requested changes, nor has it been demonstrated that the NRC's existing regulations are inadequate or that a need exists for a new regulation requiring use of the petitioner's new-design programmable logic computers.

This petition is considered closed. Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to Natreon Jordan by calling 301-415-7410 or by e-mail to Natreon.Jordan@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook

Enclosure:
Federal Register notice