

September 21, 2016

Mr. David A. Lochbaum,
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Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

This letter is in reference to the petition for rulemaking (PRM), dated September 1, 2016, that you filed electronically with the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists and two co-petitioners. Your PRM is available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System under Accession No. ML16258A486. You request that the NRC amend its regulations involving power reactors in an extended shutdown status. The NRC docketed your petition pursuant to §2.803 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Petition for rulemaking – NRC action," on September 14, 2016, and assigned it Docket Number PRM-50-114 and ID NRC-2016-0204. Please reference these docket numbers on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition.

You can monitor the docket for your petition on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2016-0204. In addition, the Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2016-0204); (2) click the "E-mail Alert" link; and (3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly). The NRC also tracks all petition actions on its Web

site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html>.

You may direct any questions you may have concerning the petition process or the status of your petition to me at 301-415-3280 (e-mail: Cindy.Bladey@nrc.gov) or to Leslie Terry at 301-415-1167 (e-mail: Leslie.Terry@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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