



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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The Honorable Greg Walden
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Walden:

I write on behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to congratulate you on your selection as Chairman, United States House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. The NRC's safety and security mission remains paramount while the Commission continues to take actions to reduce overhead costs, and streamline agency processes in order to achieve efficiencies.

As you know, there is considerable interest from industry and Congress regarding the development and deployment of advanced non-light water reactor technology to supplement existing light water reactors. The NRC is prepared to review and license new non-light water reactor as well as small modular reactor under its current framework.

Again, congratulations to you and the NRC is committed to working with the Energy and Commerce Committee in the conduct of its important oversight responsibilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Burns", with a large loop at the end.

Stephen G. Burns