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Subject: Six-month Status Update for PRM-73-18
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Dear Mr. Pollock,

I am writing to provide an update on the letter dated June 12, 2014, in which the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) submitted a petition for rulemaking to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In the letter, NEI requested that the NRC amend the regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Section 73.54, "Protection of Digital Computer and Communication Systems and Networks." Specifically, the letter requested that the NRC amend the scoping language contained in 10 CFR 73.54(a)(1) to focus on protection of digital computer and networks associated with structures, systems and components that are necessary to prevent significant core damage and spent fuel sabotage or whose failure would cause a reactor scram.

The NRC docketed your letter as petition for rulemaking (PRM) 73-18. A notice of docketing and request for public comment was published in the *Federal Register* on September 22, 2014 (79 FR 56525). The public comment period for PRM 73-18 closed on December 8, 2014. The NRC received a total of 19 comments on PRM 73-18, which can be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching docket number NRC-2014-0165.

The NRC is evaluating the petition. Once the petition has been resolved, the NRC will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* explaining the NRC's finding. You will also receive a letter at that time notifying you of the action the NRC has taken.

You may direct any questions regarding this matter to me at 301-415-2328 or via e-mail.

Thanks,
-Jenny