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SUBJECT: DECOMMISSIONING FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
SEALED AND UNSEALED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL (PRM-30-66; NRC-2017-  
0159)

Dear Mr. McKinley:

I am responding to the petition for rulemaking (PRM) you submitted on behalf of the Organization of Agreement States to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated April 17, 2017 (the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17173A063). You petitioned the NRC to amend its decommissioning financial assurance requirements by adding certain radioisotopes, and their corresponding threshold values, to Appendix B to Part 30 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to relieve the use of default possession values when determining decommissioning financial assurance requirements for licensed byproduct material. The NRC docketed your petition on June 21, 2017, under Docket Number PRM-30-66.

The NRC published a notice of docketing in the *Federal Register* on August 23, 2017 (82 FR 39971), and requested public comment on four specific questions. To allow a larger number of stakeholders to submit comments, the NRC subsequently published a *Federal Register* notice extending the comment period to December 6, 2017 (November 6, 2017; 82 FR 51363). The NRC received 20 comment submissions containing 137 discrete comments.

The NRC has reviewed your petition and the public comments. For the reasons provided in the enclosed *Federal Register* notice, the NRC will consider the issues raised in your petition in the NRC's rulemaking process. Public comments and supporting materials related to PRM-30-66 can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching on the petition Docket ID NRC 2017-0159. You may track action on the future rulemaking by searching on Docket ID NRC-2017-0031. The NRC tracks the status of all PRMs on its Web sites at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html> and <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/rules-petitions.html>.

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The petition is considered closed. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please direct them to Robert MacDougall at 301-415-5175, or [Robert.MacDougall@nrc.gov](mailto:Robert.MacDougall@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

Enclosure:  
*Federal Register* notice

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