Dear Mr. Berka,

I am writing to provide an update on the letter dated December 26, 2018, in which you submitted a petition for rulemaking to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You requested that 10 CFR Part 52 be amended and that the NRC "Generally allow the owner and / or operator of a nuclear power plant a fair, reasonable, and unobstructed opportunity to return a retired facility to full operational status, even if the operating license for the facility had previously been surrendered. The facility will only have to meet the safety standards that had been in place at the time the facility had last operated, and not the latest standards."

The NRC docketed the petition for rulemaking as PRM-50-117 and published a notice with a request for comment in the *Federal Register* on July 26, 2019 (84 FR 36036). The public comment period ended on October 9, 2019, and the NRC received 33 public comment submissions. These submissions have all been posted on regulations.gov (Docket ID: NRC-2019-0063).

On February 25, 2020, the NRC staff held a public meeting on "Potential Regulatory Frameworks for Power Reactors." The NRC staff received input from members of the public during this meeting, and input from this meeting may be used by the NRC to inform its determination regarding PRM-50-117.

The NRC is making a determination on your petition for rulemaking. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.803(h), this determination may be based upon the merits of the petition and the substance of any public comments received. Once the NRC has made a determination on the petition, a notice will be published in the *Federal Register*.

Please feel free to contact me at Nicole.Fields@nrc.gov or 630-829-9570 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,
Nicole Fields

From: GEORGE BERKA <gberka57@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Fields, Nicole <Nicole.Fields@nrc.gov>
Subject: [External_Sender] RE: RE: Meeting Regarding Frameworks for Power Reactors

Good Morning Ms. Fields,

Have there been any updates on this petition? One possibility was that it may be selected for further study, and receive a $2.4 million budget. Do you know if anything

like that might take place?

Thank you,
-George

Dear Mr. Berka,

Thank you for your participation in the public meeting on February 25 on Potential Regulatory Frameworks for Power Reactors. The NRC is not requesting written comments at this time.

The comment period for your petition (PRM-50-117; Docket ID NRC-2019-0063) closed on October 9, 2019. As noted in the Federal Register Notice (84 FR 36036) docketing your petition and requesting public comment, comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before October 9, 2019. Please see the Federal Register Notice for comment submittal instructions, and note that since the comment period has closed, comments can no longer be submitted through regulations.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the petition for rulemaking process.

Please feel free to contact me at Nicole.Fields@nrc.gov or 630-829-9570 if you have any additional questions.

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Hello Ms. Fields,

If I knew of anyone else who wised to submit comments on this initiative, who should they send them to?

Thank you,

-George