

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

August 12, 2020

The Honorable Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Peters:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated July 14, 2020, requesting information to better understand the NRC's operating plans, including actions to protect the health of our employees during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

I want to assure you that the NRC is taking all the necessary steps to carry out our mission to protect public health and safety. This starts with ensuring that the NRC workforce is safe and available to work. The actions the NRC has taken during the COVID-19 public health emergency are in accordance with federal guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Personnel Management. Responses to your specific questions are enclosed. Additionally, our agencywide guidance to staff and re-occupancy plan are provided as enclosures. These documents were developed by the NRC's dedicated COVID-19 Task Force, established by the NRC Executive Director for Operations and comprised of executives from key offices, to address agency operations during the public health emergency. Enclosure 1 will be publicly available. Enclosures 2 and 3 are not for public disclosure.

I appreciate your interest in NRC's plans. I share your concern for protecting the health and safety of federal employees and the communities we all serve. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me or Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

Kristine L. Svinicki

Enclosures: As stated

cc: The Honorable Ron Johnson