



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

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight
and Reform
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Thank you for your letter of November 10, 2020, requesting that all U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) employees and officials be reminded of their legal obligations concerning the collection, retention, and preservation of Federal records and information "that is or may be potentially responsive to a congressional inquiry, request, investigation, or subpoena that was initiated, continued, or otherwise undertaken during the 116th Congress."

The NRC takes its recordkeeping responsibilities very seriously. The NRC's procedures specifically address preserving agency records and information relating to any investigations or oversight requests initiated or conducted by Congress. Further, these procedures prohibit employees from inappropriately destroying or altering agency records. Additionally, the NRC routinely issues policy reminders to all employees and contractors of their record management and preservation responsibilities under the law. These reminders reiterate the Federal laws and NRC policies governing the creation, maintenance, and disposition of Federal records, with special emphasis on the prohibition of sending or creating Federal records from nonofficial electronic messaging accounts unless the records are promptly forwarded to an official account to enable preservation. In addition, NRC employees and contractors are required to complete annual training, in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration requirements, that describes and explains these responsibilities.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

Kristine L. Svinicki

cc: Representative James R. Comer

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