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Dear Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff,

I am submitting this comment on behalf of Nuclear Matters. Nuclear Matters is a national coalition that works to inform the public and policymakers about the benefits of nuclear energy. We are a diverse community of over 600,000 advocates that support solutions encouraging current and future nuclear energy use, and we articulate the positive impact of nuclear power on issues such as public health and environmental equity.

On behalf of our 600,000+ grassroots advocates, we are reaching out regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) public comment period for its proposed rules on Part 50/52, Alignment of Licensing Processes and Lessons Learned from New Reactor Licensing. Nuclear Matters applauds the significant enhancements and effort by the industry to improve the readiness and opportunities for licensing new reactors.

Nuclear Matters supports an updated licensing process framework, addressing lessons learned from the first wave of new reactor applicants to use Part 52, allowing the next applicants – advanced reactors, including small modular reactors (SMRs) – to be efficiently licensed and deployed. The secure deployment of advanced reactors is crucial to meeting our carbon reduction goals and strengthening our national energy security, as well as solidifying the U.S.'s global leadership on advanced nuclear technology.

Our advocates are passionate about and supportive of the next generation of nuclear technology, including SMRs and other advanced reactor types. Improving the efficiency of existing regulatory pathways to help sustain and advance the progress made with these innovations will play a key role in securing America's clean energy future. That includes an updated licensing process considering both the industry and NRC lessons identified following the initial use of Part 52.

Sincerely,
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