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

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Peter Welch
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Welch:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your May 25, 2021, letter urging consideration of issues related to the agency's draft proposed rule on nuclear power plant decommissioning.

We appreciate and share your interest in ensuring that the rules for decommissioning nuclear power plants are comprehensive, transparent, and inclusive. In developing the draft proposed rule that is currently before the Commission, the NRC staff carefully examined the specific issues in your letter, among others, including community involvement in the decommissioning process, licensee financial support of decommissioning Citizen Advisory Boards, the use of decommissioning trust funds, the timing of transferring spent nuclear fuel to dry storage, options for decommissioning, and the need for emergency preparedness and security measures as facilities go through the decommissioning process. The Commission will further evaluate these issues in our deliberations on the staff's draft proposed rule. Also, to ensure that your comments become part of the official record for this rulemaking, your letter has been added to the docket.

This is an important rulemaking for many reactor communities and other stakeholders. Therefore, the NRC staff has considered, and will continue to consider, public input as part of this rulemaking process. Upon issuance of a proposed rule following the Commission's review, the public will have another opportunity to provide comments.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and priorities. If you have additional questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson

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