

Chairman Resource

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Subject: [External_Sender] FW: NRC 2021-0137 Multi-group Request for 4 month extension on EJ comment period
Attachments: EJ Ext Req to NRC until Jan 2022.pdf

US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Chairman Hanson
Commissioner Baran
Commissioner Wright
24, 2021

August

Dear Chairman Hanson and Commissioners Baran and Wright:

We applaud the NRC for reviewing its Environmental Justice policy and intend to fully participate.

I have been advised to come directly to you to request additional time for public comment on the NRC Environmental Justice (EJ) policies.

Attached and copied below is the request submitted to the docket and the staff managing the NRC EJ review.

As indicated in the multi-group request, contacting some communities affected and potentially affected and organizations focusing on EJ issues takes more than an email and link to documents. There are technical, cultural and in some cases language barriers. If the NRC wants legitimate interaction on this issue, those of us involved, who are willing to share your request for comments and feedback with those most impacted, need more than the 1 month extension previously granted. And those individuals, groups, and/or communities will need more time to understand the request and respond.

We hope that you will grant our request for more time to evaluate this 2004 policy, the implementation of it, the questions posed and suggestions for the future.

Thank you so much on behalf of the 3 dozen groups.

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August 12, 2021

4 Month EXTENSION REQUEST for Docket ID NRC-2021-0137

Dear NRC Commissioners and Staff:

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We request a 4 month extension, essentially until the end of this calendar year, to review the existing policy and to share this opportunity with other groups and individuals who may not have access to the Federal Register or even the internet, who have been and could be impacted by decisions of the NRC.

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also to the technical content of the proposals, applications, rulemakings, amendments, reinterpretations of rules and other proceedings.

We would like the chance to provide feedback on NRC past performance and to make positive suggestions for future endeavors.

Please extend the comments until January 2022 on the NRC Environmental Justice policy review.

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We appreciate that additional days have been added but we do still request a 4 month extension.

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