



CHAIR

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

September 22, 2023

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair, Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Rodgers:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your September 1, 2023, letter requesting information about the NRC's implementation of the changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) included in the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA), which was signed into law on June 3, 2023.

As described in the enclosure to this letter, the NRC staff is actively working to conform its processes and environmental reviews to the new NEPA statutory requirements included in Section 321 of the FRA. The staff is considering the new requirements in each of its individual licensing reviews and determining what actions, if any, may be needed to meet those requirements. The staff is also analyzing whether additional regulatory, rulemaking, or other actions may be required.

In addition, the NRC has been engaged in streamlining efforts for its environmental reviews. These efforts align with the spirit and goals of the NEPA amendments in the FRA and should facilitate the agency's compliance with the new statutory requirements.

If you have any questions on the enclosed response, 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,

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

Christopher T. Hanson

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair, Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.

The Honorable Jeff Duncan
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy,
Climate, and Grid Security
Committee on Energy and Commerce
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cc: Representative Diana DeGette