



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

February 5, 2024

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your December 21, 2023, letter expressing your concerns about NextEra's license amendment request for a proposed Common Emergency Plan for the company's four commercial nuclear power sites, including the Seabrook Station and your request to be kept informed of developments pertaining to the NRC review of this submittal.

The NRC staff is currently reviewing the license amendment request and will determine whether it complies with applicable regulatory requirements. NextEra's submittal did not request to relocate or consolidate any of the sites' emergency operations facilities. NRC staff is reviewing proposed changes to staffing, equipment, and facilities to assess whether they continue to provide reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency. In addition, the NRC and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will ensure that state and local offsite emergency plans are adequate and there is reasonable assurance that they can be implemented. The NRC staff will continue to keep the public informed as it proceeds through its reviews, consistent with the NRC's Principles of Good Regulation, including openness and clarity.

The NRC staff held two public meetings to discuss the concept of NextEra's proposal to consolidate site emergency plans for its four nuclear power sites located in different states. After NextEra's submittal was received, the NRC staff published a *Federal Register* notice to inform the public of the opportunity to request a hearing or to provide public comments on the license amendment request. While the agency did not receive a request for a hearing, the NRC staff did receive comments from C-10 Research and Education Foundation and is considering those comments as part of its review. The NRC staff also issued a request for information ([ML23173A152](#)) and received NextEra's responses ([ML23219A102](#) and [ML23332A005](#)); these documents are publicly available on the NRC's website. As the agency continues its review of the license amendment application, the NRC staff will continue to keep you, your constituents, and other interested stakeholders informed of the progress and status of the proposed license amendment.

Again, I appreciate your letter and interest in the safety and staffing of Seabrook Station. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "C" being a large, stylized letter.

Christopher T. Hanson

Identical letter sent to:

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