



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

May 5, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman, Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Capito:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing the following document in the *Federal Register*:

- Title: Long-Term Cooling and Unattended Water Makeup of Spent Fuel Pools
- Description of the document: The NRC is denying a petition for rulemaking which requested the NRC amend its regulations to require that nuclear power plant licensees ensure long term cooling and unattended water makeup of Spent Fuel Pools. The NRC is denying this petition for rulemaking because the concerns were all addressed either in the August 2019, "Mitigation of Beyond-Design-Basis Events" rulemaking or by other industry or governmental actions. The NRC is also discontinuing its associated rulemaking activity.

For more information, see the enclosed document.

Please contact me at 301-415-1776 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Dacus", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Eugene Dacus, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
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cc: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse



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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate
and Nuclear Innovation and Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairman:

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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie:

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cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.



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The Honorable Bob Latta
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Latta:

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cc: Representative Kathy Castor



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The Honorable Morgan Griffith
Chairman, Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Griffith:

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cc: Representative Paul Tonko

SUBJECT: DENIAL OF PETITION FOR RULEMAKING AND DISCONTINUATION OF
RULEMAKING ACTIVITY—LONG-TERM COOLING AND UNATTENDED WATER
MAKEUP OF SPENT FUEL POOLS [NRC-2011-0069] DATED:

IDENTICAL LETTERS SENT TO:

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The Honorable Cynthia Lummis with cc: Senator Mark Kelly
The Honorable Brett Guthrie with cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.
The Honorable Bob Latta with cc: Representative Kathy Castor
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