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The Honorable Greta J. Dicus
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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PROPOSED RULE **PR 50**
(64FR22580)

Subject: **10 CFR 50.55a SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED RULE
(64 FED. REG. 22580)**

Dear Chairman Dicus:

Energy Northwest has participated in, and endorses the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI) comments on the subject proposed rule to eliminate the 120-month update requirement in 10 CFR 50.55a, Codes and Standards. We believe that this rulemaking is warranted and represents sound regulatory policy. Energy Northwest supports the proposed rule.

Respectfully,

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