

July 6, 2012

The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of April 13, 2012, requesting that a public meeting be held near the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant on the issue of concrete degradation. As you noted, we held a public meeting on this topic with the licensee, NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC, at NRC headquarters in Rockville, MD on April 23, 2012. In addition, concrete degradation was one of the topics discussed at the Seabrook Station annual assessment meeting held in Hampton, New Hampshire on April 26, 2012.

During the April 23 meeting, the NRC staff posed questions to NextEra regarding the condition of the concrete, continued operability, monitoring/managing plans, and schedule for submittal of a corrective action plan to address the issue. NextEra indicated that additional information, including its engineering evaluation, plans, and milestones to address the issue, will be provided in May 2012. The staff is planning an additional public meeting near the facility once the NRC has reviewed and evaluated this additional information. The NRC's Office of Congressional Affairs will advise your staff when the agency has set a date for the meeting.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. The agency shares your concern with ensuring the safety of all nuclear power plants and we will continue to carefully evaluate the concrete degradation concerns at Seabrook Station. Please contact me or Ms. Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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