

August 15, 2012

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Fortenberry:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of May 22, 2012, expressing your concern about the need for an assessment of proliferation risks as part of the NRC's process for evaluating license applications, noting the petition for rulemaking (PRM) on this matter received from the American Physical Society (Docket PRM-70-9).

The staff continues to review and evaluate the petition in accordance with NRC regulations and expects to make a recommendation regarding its disposition to the Commission later this year. The information enclosed with your letter has been provided to the staff for its use.

I want to assure you that the NRC takes your concerns very seriously and is fully evaluating the petition.

Sincerely,

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Allison M. Macfarlane

Identical letter sent to:

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