

February 14, 2013

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT U.S.
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY
2012-XX, "CONTENT SPECIFICATION AND SHIELDING EVALUATIONS FOR
TYPE B TRANSPORTATION PACKAGES"

Dear Ms. D'Arrigo:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received your requests for an extension to the comment period for Draft Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2012-XX, "Content Specification and Shielding Evaluations for Type B Transportation Packages," Docket No. 2012-0270, by letters received December 9, 26 and 28, 2012 (ADAMS Accession numbers ML12348A037, ML13011A087 and ML13011A089, respectively).

The NRC staff respectfully declines this request for extension in the interest of issuing timely regulatory guidance. Staff gave 45 days for commenting, which is longer than the minimum 30 day commenting period. Staff will formally address comments received within the commenting period and it will be referenced in the final RIS when it is issued. Staff will consider additional comments received after the end of the stated comment period, if practical.

The staff finds that the RIS is unrelated to Nuclear Information and Resource Service's (NIRS's) stated concerns with respect to the shipment of Bruce Steam Generators. This RIS does not change any containerization requirements or rules that would, or would not, allow the Bruce Nuclear Steam Generators from Canada to be transported in and through the Great Lakes or any waterways. The RIS clarifies the staff's existing review guidance, NUREG-1609, "Standard Review Plan for Transportation Packages for Radioactive Material" (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1609/final/sr1609.pdf>) for applications for a Certificate of Compliance (CoC) under Title 10 of the Code of *Federal Regulations* Part 71 regulations for transportation packages submitted to the NRC for review. The RIS states that staff will ask for a more detailed description of the contents and more details in evaluations than had previously been submitted with some historic packages. By clarifying its expectations, the staff expects to minimize its requests for additional information which would result in fewer back-and-forth interactions between staff and applicants and save time and review effort and licensing costs.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Veronica Wilson, of my staff, at 301-492-3278, or via E-mail: veronica.wilson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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