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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The NRC has regular communications with ACE and we are aware of the issues they raised with you. As discussed with Mr. Savett, we will address ACE's concerns directly with them. Specifically, in response to their questions and concerns, the NRC's Division of License Renewal has offered to have a conference call with ACE to explain our license renewal review process. In addition, staff in the NRC Region I office is reviewing several pieces of recent correspondence from ACE and determining how best to promptly respond directly to them.

The NRC has a long history of, and commitment to, transparency, participation, and collaboration in our regulatory activities. As discussed with Mr. Savett, we would like to clarify and re-emphasize that ACE and other members of the public can fully participate in the NRC's activities through direct contact with the agency, as ACE has done in recent years. All of the questions and comments ACE submitted in its most recent correspondence can be accommodated in the normal manner in which the NRC does business.

In addition to public participation in the regulatory process, we welcome the opportunity to respond to public concerns regarding safety and security. ACE can raise them directly to the NRC by contacting any NRC employee or by calling the NRC's toll-free Safety Hotline at 1-800-695-7403. Calls to this number are answered 24 hours a day.

We appreciate you sharing this information with ACE and urging them to contact the NRC directly in the future should they have additional questions. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

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