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Mr. David Lochbaum  
Director, Nuclear Safety Project  
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Chattanooga, TN 37415

Dear Mr. Lochbaum:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on the topic of Mitigation of Beyond Design Basis Events (MBDBE) Rulemaking, on July 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. The Commission is interested in hearing about UCS's views on the proposed MBDBE Rule. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. I am enclosing a copy of the meeting agenda for your information. My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides, to Mr. Glenn Ellmers ([Glenn.Ellmers@nrc.gov](mailto:Glenn.Ellmers@nrc.gov)) and Ms. Pamela Shea ([Pamela.Shea@nrc.gov](mailto:Pamela.Shea@nrc.gov)) in the Office of the Secretary, by July 1, 2015, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov), and materials provided for the meeting will be posted on the NRC public website prior to the meeting: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ellmers at 301-415-0442.

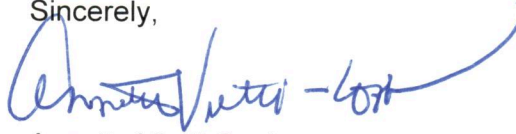
Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for about 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention. Please avoid the use of acronyms where possible. If you do use acronyms, please explain them during your presentation.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Mr. Ellmers in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort.

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Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Annette Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:  
Meeting Agenda

## SCHEDULING NOTE

**Title:** **BRIEFING ON THE MITIGATION OF BEYOND DESIGN BASIS EVENTS (MBDBE) RULEMAKING (Public Meeting)**

**Purpose:** To provide the Commission with a discussion on the MBDBE proposed rule package and associated guidance. This activity stems from the lessons-learned from the Fukushima Dai-ichi accident.

**Scheduled:** **July 9, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Duration:** Approx. 3 hours

**Location:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> fl OWFN

<b>Participants:</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
<b><u>External Panel</u></b>	<b>40 mins.*</b>
<b>Anthony Pietrangelo</b> , Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer Nuclear Energy Institute <u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industry Views of Proposed MBDBE Rule</li> </ul>	10 mins.*
<b>Jack Stringfellow</b> , Chairman, Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) <u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generic Severe Accident Management Technical Guidance</li> </ul>	10 mins.*
<b>Stuart Lewis</b> , Program Manager, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) <u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe Accident Management Guidance Technical Basis Report</li> </ul>	10 mins.*
<b>David Lochbaum</b> , Director, Nuclear Safety Project Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) <u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCS Views on Proposed MBDBE Rule</li> </ul>	10 mins.*
<b>Commission Q &amp; A</b>	<b>40 mins.</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>5 mins.</b>
<b><u>NRC Staff Panel</u></b>	<b>50 mins.*</b>
<b>Mike Johnson</b> , Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness	

Programs and Fukushima Steering Committee Chairman

**Bill Dean**, Director, Office Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR)

Topic:

- Overview of MBDBE Rulemaking and Existing Orders

**Timothy Reed**, Senior Project Manager, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, NRR

Topic:

- Discussion of MBDBE proposed requirements and Cumulative Effects of Regulation considerations.

**Eric Bowman**, Special Advisor, Japan Lessons-Learned Division (JLD), NRR

Topic:

- Discussion of MBDBE supporting guidance.

**John Monninger**, Director, Division of Safety Systems and Risk Assessment, NRO

Topic:

- Mitigation Strategies Design Features for Future Reactor Designs

**Commission Q & A**

**40 mins.**

**Discussion – Wrap-Up**

**5 mins.**

\*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

Staff background materials due to SECY: June 24, 2015.

Slides due to SECY: July 1, 2015.

Proposed Rule MBDBE delivered April 30, 2015.

Letter dated October 8, 2014: Subject: Proposed Auditing Process for Revisions of Generic Severe Accident Management Technical Guidelines, from Lesa Hill, Chairman BWROG, and Jack Stringfellow, Chairman PWROG.