



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

Edwin Lyman (on behalf of David A. Lochbaum)  
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Dear Mr. Lyman:

I am responding to David Lochbaum's petition for rulemaking (PRM) dated September 1, 2016, submitted on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists and two co-petitioners, Greenpeace and National Resources Defense Council (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML16258A486). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) docketed the petition as PRM-50-114. The petition requested the NRC amend its regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," to "promulgate regulations applicable to nuclear power reactors with operating licenses issued by the NRC but in an extended outage."

The NRC published a notice of docketing for PRM-50-114 in the *Federal Register* on December 9, 2016 (81 FR 89011). The staff received two public comment submissions during the 75-day public comment period; both submissions were in favor of denying the petition and provided a basis for that conclusion.

The NRC is denying PRM-50-114 because it has determined that the issues raised by the petitioners are adequately addressed by existing NRC regulations, procedures, and guidance, and therefore, no amendments to the NRC's regulations are necessary. The enclosed notice, which will be published in the *Federal Register*, explains the reasons for the denial. Upon publication of the enclosed notice, the NRC will close the docket for PRM-50-114.

You may direct any questions about this matter to Dennis Andrukat by calling 301-415-3561 or sending an e-mail to [Dennis.Andrukat@nrc.gov](mailto:Dennis.Andrukat@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:  
*Federal Register* notice

SUBJECT: LETTER TO UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS - DENIAL OF PETITION  
FOR RULEMAKING ON POWER REACTORS IN EXTENDED SHUTDOWNS (PRM-50-114;  
NRC-2016-0204)

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