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General Comment

See attached file(s) for comments from Entergy Nuclear Operations.

Attachments

CNRO 2019-00001 Entergy Comments on Elimination of Immediate Notification Requirements for Non-Emergency Events SIGNED



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CNRO-2019-00001

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January 30, 2019

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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

SUBJECT: Comments on Petition for Rulemaking: "Elimination of Immediate Notification Requirements for Non-Emergency Events" (Docket ID NRC 2018-0201)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. and Entergy Operations, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Entergy") are providing this letter in response to the NRC request for comment on the petition for rulemaking from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), dated August 2, 2018, requesting that the NRC amend its regulations regarding the immediate notification requirements for operating nuclear power reactors. The petition was docketed by the NRC on September 4, 2018, and was assigned Docket No. PRM-50-116.

Entergy supports the petition for rulemaking provided by NEI. Entergy agrees with NEI that the elimination of 10 CFR 50.72 non-emergency notification requirements would eliminate duplicative notifications to the NRC and reduce unnecessary burden and distraction to licensees when responding to non-emergency events without presenting any incremental risk to public health and safety. Additionally, Entergy agrees that the regulations should be revised because licensees currently have procedures for responding to non-emergency events and ensuring that NRC resident inspectors are notified of nonemergency events independent of the requirements in 10 CFR 50.72. Duplicative notifications under 10 CFR 50.72 serve no safety function and are not needed to prevent or minimize possible injury to the public or to allow the NRC to take necessary action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Philip Couture at (601) 368-5102.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Halter".

MKH/plc