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U.S. WIN Comment Letter on NRC ROP Enhancement Initiative - October 7 2019

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Subject: Comments on U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Reactor Oversight Process Enhancement Initiative (*84 FR 38675, August 7, 2019*)

Dear Mr. Miller:

Please accept the following comments on behalf of U.S. Women in Nuclear (U.S. WIN)¹ on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's request for comment on the Reactor Oversight Process enhancement initiative. U.S. WIN supports smart regulation and believes a static regulatory framework is a barrier to innovation and modernization.

Legacy approaches will not help us reach our goals – adaptation of the regulatory process is essential if we want to make progress on climate issues. If the NRC cannot optimize their safety focus for the existing fleet, with which they have approximately 50 years of experience, it is unlikely they will be able to do so for advanced designs. The ROP enhancement is a great example of how the NRC can modernize its regulations which are a prerequisite to support meeting carbon reduction goals and re-gaining our global leadership in nuclear technology.

In summary, U.S. WIN strongly supports the NRC's effort to improve the Reactor Oversight Process and the NRC should continue on their path of modernization.

Sincerely,

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¹ U.S. Women in Nuclear is a volunteer organization focused on driving a culture in nuclear energy and technology in which women and men succeed, creating professional development and networking opportunities for career advancement and enhancing the understanding and awareness of the value of nuclear energy and technology. U.S. WIN has over 5,000 members with 70 plus chapters in the United States and is part of Global WiN which operates in 109 countries.