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SECRETARY

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Dear Mr. Lutz:

I am responding to the petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 2, 2018 (NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML18022B207). You requested that the NRC amend its regulations in Part 72 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Licensing Requirements for the Independent Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel, High-Level Radioactive Waste and Reactor-Related Greater than Class C Waste," regarding spent nuclear fuel stored in independent spent fuel storage installations at nuclear power stations.

The petition was docketed as PRM-72-8 on January 22, 2018, and the NRC published a notice of docketing and request for public comment in the *Federal Register* (FR) on March 22, 2018 (83 FR 12504). The comment period closed on June 5, 2018. The NRC received 70 comment letters from members of the public, interested stakeholders, and industry groups. The NRC reviewed your petition and the public comments, which are described further in the enclosed FR notice regarding this petition.

The NRC is denying the petition because the petition does not present ~~significant, new~~ information ~~or arguments~~ that would support the requested changes to the regulations or provide a substantial improvements for public increase in the overall protection of occupational or public health and safety, environmental protection, or common defense and security. The NRC's current regulations continue to provide for the adequate protection of public health and safety, ~~environmental protection~~, and ~~promote the~~ common defense and security. The enclosed notice will be published in the FR. Upon publication of the enclosed notice, the NRC will close the docket for PRM-72-8.

You may direct any questions regarding this matter to Greg Trussell, by calling 301-415-6244 or by e-mailing Greg.Trussell@nrc.gov, or Timothy McCartin, by calling 301-415-7099 or e-mailing Timothy.McCartin@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:

Federal Register notice