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Subject: Petition for Rulemaking PRM 50-119, Access to the Decommissioning Trust Fund for the Disposal of Large Components
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Dear Mr. Noordennen,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the February 22, 2019, petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and amended on January 24, 2019 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML19079A293). On March 20, 2019, the NRC docketed your petition pursuant to § 2.803 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Petition for rulemaking — NRC action," and assigned it Docket No. PRM-50-119. Please reference this docket number on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition. On June 12, 2019, the NRC published a notice of docketing and a request for comment for your petition (84 FR 27209). The comment period closed on August 26, 2019.

In your petition, you requested the NRC to revise the definition of decommissioning in § 50.2, "Definitions," and to amend § 50.82, "Termination of license," to allow access to the decommissioning trust fund to be used for the cost of disposal of "major radioactive components" before the permanent cessation of operations at nuclear power plants. You also suggested that granting the petition will remove unnecessary burden from licensees who store major radioactive components on their sites during plant operations because they cannot use decommissioning funds for disposal of these components.

The NRC is reviewing your petition and the public comments received in response to the June 12, 2019, *Federal Register* notice. The Commission makes the final decision on the NRC's actions on petitions for rulemaking. After reviewing the merits of your petition and the public comments, the NRC staff prepares a recommendation to the Commission and the Commission will then make and issue its decision.

You can monitor the status of your petition on the Federal rulemaking Web site, <https://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2019-0083. In addition, the Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) navigate to the docket folder NRC-2019-0083; (2) click the "E-mail Alert" link; and (3) enter your e-mail address and select how frequently you would like to receive e-mails (daily, weekly, or monthly). The NRC also tracks all petition actions on its Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/rules-petitions.html> and <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/rulemaking-ruleforum/petitions-by-year.html>.

Please feel free to contact me at Solomon.Sahle@nrc.gov or 301-415-3781 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Solomon Sahle