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Subject: Status of Petition for Rulemaking: PRM-50-123, "Public Protection Actions During a General Emergency"
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Dear Thomas McKenna,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the June 1, 2020, petition for rulemaking (PRM) that you submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). 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-50-123. Please reference this docket number on any correspondence you may have concerning the petition. On August 31, 2020, the NRC published a notice of docketing and a request for comment for your petition (85 FR 53690). The comment period closed on November 16, 2020.

In your petition, you requested that the NRC revise its regulations so that protective actions implemented during a General Emergency at a nuclear power plant will most likely do more good than harm when both the possible physical health effects of radiation exposure and protective actions are taken into consideration.

The NRC is reviewing your petition and the public comments received in response to the August 31, 2020 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-2020-0155. 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-2020-0155; (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 Philip.Benavides@nrc.gov or 301-415-3246 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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