



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your June 25, 2021, letter urging consideration of issues related to the agency's draft proposed rule on nuclear power plant decommissioning.

We appreciate and share your interest in ensuring that the NRC has a safe, effective, and efficient decommissioning process for nuclear power plants. In developing the draft proposed rule that is currently before the Commission, the NRC staff carefully examined the specific issues in your letter, among others, including safety and security, regulation by exemption, public participation and awareness, spent fuel storage, financial and physical protection, and lessons learned from previously decommissioned plants. The Commission will further evaluate these issues in our deliberations on the staff's draft proposed rule. Also, to ensure that your comments become part of the official record for this rulemaking, your letter has been added to the docket.

This is an important rulemaking for many reactor communities and other stakeholders. Therefore, the NRC staff has considered, and will continue to consider, public input as part of this rulemaking process. Upon issuance of a proposed rule following the Commission's review, the public will have another opportunity to provide comments.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and priorities. If you have additional questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at 301-415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson