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SUBJECT: PROJECTED SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF THE AP1000 DESIGN
CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT RULE

The final safety evaluation report (FSER) for the AP1000 design certification amendment (DCA) review was issued by letter dated August 5, 2011. The FSER is a complete, publicly available report documenting the conclusion of the staff's review of your application for amendment of the certified AP1000 design, through Revision 19 of the design control document (DCD), submitted on June 13, 2011. Please note that this FSER will be issued as Supplement 2 to NUREG-1793 in September 2011.

With completion of the technical review, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is providing a projected schedule for completion of the rulemaking activity in support of issuance of combined licenses referencing the AP1000 design.

The comment period for the rulemaking closed in May 2011. A large volume of comment submissions were received. The final rulemaking package is in preparation, and is expected to be provided to the Commission for their deliberation no later than October 5, 2011, and the projected time frame for publication of the final rule in the *Federal Register* is January 2012.

Sincerely,

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