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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike,
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Subject: Request for an Extension of Comment Period for Part 57 Rulemaking (RIN 3150-AL36; NRC-2025-0379)

Dear NRC Staff,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is currently requesting comments on the proposed Licensing Requirements for Microreactors and Other Reactors with Comparable Risk Profiles regulatory framework known as Part 57. This rulemaking process is a unique opportunity to create a new “risk-informed and performance-based regulatory framework for rapid licensing of new microreactors and other reactors with comparable risk profiles and for high-volume deployment of these reactors.”¹

Due to the length of the proposed rule and the importance of the rulemaking, the Nuclear Innovation Alliance (NIA) requests that the public comment period be extended an additional 45 days for a total of 90 days, pushing the end of public comment period to July 30th, 2026. NIA is requesting an extension to the public comment period due to the breadth, depth, and overall length of the proposed rule, the timing of the comment period with other EO 14300 proposed rulemakings, and the importance of the rulemaking process for high-volume licensing. NRC extension of the public comment period will enable NIA to develop and provide more detailed and specific comments to NRC staff on the proposed rule and respond to the twelve “Specific Requests for Comments” posed by NRC staff in the proposed rule.

NIA previously provided input on the NRC Actions on Low-Consequence Reactors public workshop held in July 2025 and we look forward to providing more detailed comments after completing a thorough review of the proposed Part 57 rule. NIA also believes that the extension of the public comment period will enable more robust public engagement from a larger number of other key stakeholders in this rulemaking process. Extending the public comment period and

¹ [Federal Register Licensing Requirements for Microreactors and Other Reactors With Comparable Risk Profiles](#)

organizing additional public meetings on the proposed rule will facilitate broader stakeholder engagement on the rulemaking process.

An effective public comment period is critical to incorporating a diverse set of stakeholder input and building public confidence in a new rule. This is especially important as the NRC is amid a massive rule rewrite as directed by EO 14300. Also, these rules are now required to undergo Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) review. The current implementation of the OIRA process is preventing public knowledge on the draft rule until after OIRA review.

NRC development of a new risk-informed and performance-based regulatory framework for rapid licensing of new microreactors and other reactors with comparable risk profiles can help create more effective, efficient, and predictable licensing processes while still protecting workers, public health and safety, and the environment. We thank NRC staff, management, and the Commission for their continued efforts to develop a new regulatory framework that will enable high volume licensing. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Miranda McGuire at mmcguire@nuclearinnovationalliance.org.

Sincerely,
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