

October 31, 2000

Mr. Alejandro Bilbao Alfonso
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Dear Mr. Alfonso:

Thank you for your letter dated October 13, 2000, inviting me to chair Session 2 of the International Conference of National Regulatory Authorities in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Monday, December 11, 2000.

As previously arranged, I will make a presentation at Session 1 of the Conference. I am designating Mr. John Hickey as the suggested Chairperson of Session 2. Mr. Hickey is Chief, Materials Safety and Inspection Branch, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. He can be reached by telephone at 301-415-8124, fax 301-415-5369, email JWH1@NRC.GOV.

I look forward to a successful conference.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve