

February 1, 2001

Mr. Yoshihiko Sasaki, Director-General
Agency for Nuclear and Industrial Safety
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Tokyo, Japan

Dear Mr. Sasaki:

Please accept my congratulations on your appointment as Director-General of the newly created Agency for Nuclear and Industrial Safety (ANIS), within the newly established Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). I have been following the reforms that have taken place within your central government, and I believe that they will contribute to a strong nuclear regulatory regime within Japan.

The NRC and the former Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE) had built a strong collaborative partnership. The NRC is pleased to extend the terms of our Arrangement with the former ANRE to ANIS and looks forward to further strengthening our cooperation.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by
Richard A. Meserve**

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