

March 19, 2001

Mr. Nchakha Moloi
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Dear Mr. Moloi:

I would like to thank you and your staff for taking time to meet with me and others from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) delegation on February 28, 2001, regarding your regulatory activities on the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR). These discussions were quite valuable and helped us understand the scope, approach and progress made on the PBMR licensing review. Please convey my thanks to those members of your staff who participated in our meetings.

Sincerely,

/RA/ Ashok C. Thadani

Ashok C. Thadani, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

cc: William Magwood, USDOE

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