August 30, 2001

Mr. William W. Ascroft-Hutton CChem, NRSC HM Superintending Inspector of Nuclear Installations St. Peter's House Stanley Precinct Balliol Road, Bootle Merseyside L20 3LZ

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS AT THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ON HIGH-TEMPERATURE GAS-COOLED REACTOR SAFETY ISSUES

Dear Mr. Ascroft-Hutton:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (U.S. NRC) invites you (and if you desire, another individual from your organization) to participate in a meeting on high-temperature gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) safety and research issues. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss HTGR safety issues and research needs so as to help the U.S. NRC better plan a research program on HTGRs, including where possible, international cooperative research. The meeting will be conducted at U.S. NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, U.S.A. The meeting will be held from October 10 through October 12, 2001. A detailed agenda and other information will be provided at a later date.

For your convenience, I have listed two hotels which are close to the meeting location. The Park Inn International and Suites is located one block from the U.S. NRC and can be reached by walking. The Ramada Inn Rockville is one subway stop away. If you would like us to make the hotel reservation for you, please do not hesitate to call us 1-301-415-7499. I also list the two hotels for your convenience.

 Park Inn International and Suites (one block away from the U.S. NRC) 11410 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Telephone 1-301-881-5200 FAX: 1-301-231-7668 OR Dial Information for Park Inn International World Wide

Ask for Government Rate: \$119.00 per day

2) Ramada Inn Rockville 1775 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 Telephone 1-301-881-2300 FAX: 1-301-881-9047

Ask for Government Rate: \$119.00 per day

Mr. William Ascroft-Hutton

Please let me know if you (and others) will be attending. Also, if you would like us to make hotel reservations for you (and if you have a preference in hotels), please let me know.

My e-mail address is <u>tlk@nrc.gov</u> and my FAX number is 1-301-415-5160.

Sincerely,

/RA/ Original signed by:

Thomas L. King, Director Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

cc: Office of International Programs Desk Officer Charles Z. Serpan, Jr. Mr. William Ascroft-Hutton

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