

November 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Samuel J. Collins, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS FROM EAST EUROPE AND
RUSSIA

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your staff for the outstanding support provided for the meeting of the ten senior regulators from East Europe and Russia, November 5-9, 2001, who were in the U.S. to study NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The participants were pleased with the information presented to them; it is clear from the many insightful questions that the information will be of considerable value as the regulators continue to upgrade their oversight processes at home.

Preparation for such meetings takes a great deal of time and effort, and is always in addition to regular duties. In these extraordinary times, efforts by the staff to organize large and complex meetings, while accommodating competing interests and needs, is especially difficult. In consideration of these obstacles, I am pleased to acknowledge those who have stepped up to provide so much assistance for this meeting. I particularly wish to commend David Allsopp for his efforts at organizing and coordinating NRR's contributions of presentations and materials. Mike Johnson was generous with his own time and for scheduling time of his staff to contribute to the meetings. Mike Cullingford provided important liaison and coordination efforts, and there were seemingly countless staff who made presentations or made copies of documents, or performed other services necessary to the entire effort. The meeting could not have succeeded so well without all these fine efforts.

Again, and on behalf of the IAEA who co-sponsored this meeting, thanks very much for all of NRR's efforts in connection with the "Ten Senior Regulator's Meeting on NRC's Reactor Oversight Process."

cc: W. Kane, DEDR
W. Travers, EDO

November 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: James E. Dyer, Regional Administrator
Region III

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS FROM EAST EUROPE AND
RUSSIA

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your staff for the outstanding support provided for the meeting of the ten senior regulators from East Europe and Russia, November 8-9, 2001, who were in the U.S. to study NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The participants were pleased with the information presented to them; it is clear from the many, insightful questions that the information will be of considerable value as the regulators continue to upgrade their oversight processes at home.

Preparation for such meetings takes a great deal of time and effort, and is always in addition to regular duties. In these extraordinary times, efforts by the staff to organize large and complex meetings, while accommodating competing interests and needs, is especially difficult. In consideration of these obstacles, I am pleased to acknowledge those who have stepped up to provide so much assistance for this meeting. I particularly wish to commend Steve Reynolds and Roger Lanksbury for their efforts at organizing and coordinating Region III's outstanding contributions of presentations and materials. Tony Vogel and Duane Karjala were generous with their own time, and Mike Kunowski and Michelle Castenado provided much important coordination in the early planning for the meetings. D.C. Cook residents Kevin Coyne and Joe Maynen, and Palisades Resident Robert Krsek provided critical coordination for the on-site visits, as well as very valuable insights about how ROP works "where the rubber meets the road." The visit to the Region III Operations Center was quite useful for the visitor's comparisons to the main center in Rockville, and to their own centers at home. I also greatly appreciate the efforts of the many staff members who made presentations, or made copies of documents, or performed other services necessary to the entire effort. The meeting could not have succeeded so well without all these fine efforts.

Again, and on behalf of the IAEA who co-sponsored this meeting, thanks very much for all of Region III's efforts in connection with the "Ten Senior Regulator's Meeting on NRC's Reactor Oversight Process."

cc: W. Kane, DEDR
W. Travers, EDO

November 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Richard H. Wessman, Director
Incident Response Operations

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS FROM EAST EUROPE AND
RUSSIA

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and your staff for the interesting tour of the NRC Operations Center on November 7, 2001, and for meeting the ten senior regulators from East Europe and Russia who were in the U.S. to study NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. The participants were pleased with the tour and information presented to them and it is clear from the many questions that the information will be of considerable value as the regulators continue to refine their regulatory operations and plant oversight processes at home.

Preparation for such meetings takes a great deal of time and effort, and is always in addition to regular duties. In these extraordinary times, efforts by the staff to organize large and complex meetings, while accommodating competing interests and needs, is especially difficult. In consideration of these obstacles, I am particularly pleased to acknowledge the efforts of Nadir Mamish who managed to rearrange schedules to accommodate the group on an especially busy day during the extraordinarily hectic times in the Operations Center since September 11. I also appreciate the efforts of the other staff members who made presentations and performed other services necessary to the entire effort. The visit could not have succeeded so well without all these fine efforts.

Again, and on behalf of the IAEA who co-sponsored this visit, thanks very much for all of the IRO's efforts in connection with the "Ten Senior Regulator's Meeting on NRC's Reactor Oversight Process."

cc: W. Kane, DEDR
W. Travers, EDO

November 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Ashok C. Thadani, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: MEETING OF SENIOR REGULATORS FROM EAST EUROPE AND
RUSSIA

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you for the outstanding support provided by Mary Drouin for the meeting of the ten senior regulators from East Europe and Russia, November 5-9, 2001, who were in this country to study NRC's Reactor Oversight Process. Through Mary Drouin's efforts, the senior regulators were able to take advantage of information presented during the meeting on Risk-Informed Decision Making. As you well know, Ms. Drouin worked countless hours over the past months preparing for the risk-informed meeting, and was most gracious in working with NRR and OIP to coordinate the agendas for the two meetings for the benefit of the foreign regulators. The participants were pleased with the information presented to them; it is clear from the many insightful questions that the information will be of considerable value as the regulators continue to incorporate risk into their operations and decisions, and to upgrade their oversight processes at home.

Preparation for such meetings takes a great deal of time and effort, and is always in addition to regular duties. In these extraordinary times, efforts by the staff to organize large and complex meetings, while accommodating competing interests and needs, is especially difficult. Mary Drouin should be commended for the excellent meeting she organized and for her cooperation with the other meeting of ten senior regulators from Europe and Russia. The meeting could not have succeeded so well without all these fine efforts.

cc: C. Paperiello, DEDMRS
W. Travers, EDO

November 15, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

FROM: Charles Z. Serpan, Special Assistant to the Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: KUDOS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE MEETING OF TEN SENIOR
REGULATORS FROM EAST EUROPE AND RUSSIA

I wish to express my personal thanks and appreciation for the excellent detailed support provided by a number of the OIP staff for the meeting of the ten senior regulators from East Europe and Russia, November 5-9, 2001. The meeting went off without a hitch, due in no small part to the efforts of the follow persons:

Many thanks are due to Mary Carter for her consistent and invaluable support for assuring the accurate reservations for hotel rooms in different locations, despite the several changes in schedule, and for steering me to the proper limousine service for group travel. Mary quickly processed the orders and other administrative actions necessary to contract for an interpreter, on very short notice, when it became apparent that the Russian participant could not speak any English and would have gained nothing from the trip without continuous interpretation.

Thanks also are due to Vicki Lewis and Rita Hoskins for the catering arrangements for the Chairman's reception on Tuesday, November 6. The arrangements elicited many fine compliments from the participants. Thanks are also due to Donna-Marie Perez for her efforts to assure the signing of the cooperation arrangement with Hungary.

A final bouquet of thanks goes to Holly Berilla for her always prompt and pleasant assistance in making arrangements, copies of documents, and overall administrative actions.

The meeting of senior regulators went remarkably smoothly due in no small part to the contributions of the named staff members. I thank them for helping to make the meeting a success; I am assured that the meeting participants join me in a hearty round of thanks as well.

cc: M. Carter
V. Lewis
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