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Dear Mr. Jackson:

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The training topics we desire are gas centrifuge technology, nuclear and industrial operations safety, material handling and disposition, criticality safety, and component manufacturing. Other areas that you would consider useful could also be added. I am attaching an outline of a course DOE organized for us on mixed oxide fuel production and operations at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. This course has been very useful to us and has been very well received by NRC staff who have taken it.

We would like to further discuss this project with you and your staff. Our contact will be Mr. Timothy C. Johnson. He can be reached at 301-415-7299 or tcj@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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