

March 19, 2002

Mr. William Gaines, Director
Office of Science and Technology Cooperation
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Gaines:

In response to your fax, dated February 26, 2002, requesting information on the NRC's cooperation with China, enclosed is a review of NRC's bilateral exchange program with the Chinese National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA), and a copy of the Protocol. Although the NRC-NNSA Protocol is outside of the U.S.-China S&T Agreement, its cooperation is carried out in the spirit of the S&T Agreement.

The NRC contact for this Protocol is Kevin Burke (tel. 301/ 415-2317; e-mail kdb@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

/RA/

Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosures: (1) Regulatory Cooperation: NRC-NNSA Protocol in Nuclear Safety Matters
(2) Protocol Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America and the National Nuclear Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters, signed September 24, 1998

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