

**From:** Joel Dorfman  
**To:** Marianne Aitcheson, Sandi Park  
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**Subject:** Re: REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENT W/DOE FOR PEBBLE BED

Marianne:

It is my understanding from reading the Statement of Work for the reimbursable agreement that some of the objectives of the travel to South Africa include learning the status and projected next steps of the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) project; exploring the requirements for U.S. licencing of PBMR technology; and exchanging information about fuel to be used in the PBMR. These objectives appear consistent with the work described in a February 16th draft "Plan for Preapplication Activities on the PBMR" prepared by RES. Therefore, I believe that NRC's appropriated funds are available to initially fund the expenses of the trip.

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>>> Marianne Aitcheson 02/21 7:52 AM >>>  
Joel/Sandi.

I've contacted DOE again about the signature of the contracting officer. They are diligently pursuing it but they've been told that these things usually take weeks so they are hoping to have it by Thursday or Friday at the very earliest. I am not here on Friday and cannot change my schedule to be here.

In the meantime, since we know the monies are coming and the funds have been certified by DOE, can we go ahead and put the travel on RES' dime and then transfer funds once the reimbursable agreement is in place? If not, is there something that we can do to get this settled by Thursday so that the travellers have their tickets in hand?

I await your response

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