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From: Stuart Rubin *RES*
To: David Nicholls *Republic of South Africa*
Date: 8/13/02 10 09AM
Subject: Re Drop in Visit at NRC Headquarters

Dear Mr Nicholls:

On behalf of the USNRC, I would like to thank you for visiting NRC Headquarters and making a very informative presentation to the staff on the status and future plans for the PBMR Project in South Africa. The information that you provided during the August 1, 2002 meeting was of great interest to the staff. I trust that the staff's comments and responses to your questions were also of value to you.

The NRC staff would like to include the PBMR project plans and schedule you discussed at the meeting more definitively in the NRC's planning assumptions. These planning assumptions are used to identify and plan for NRC's projected future work activities and resource needs. In this regard, it would be very useful if you, or an appropriate representative of the PBMR consortium group, could formally communicate to the NRC, the projected plans and schedule for engaging the NRC in regulatory review activities related to the PBMR.

A formal letter to the NRC, documenting the currently projected plans and schedules, would provide a viable planning basis for identifying NRC resources and time lines for future NRC/PBMR interactions and NRC review work activities. Future interactions and review work activities cited in such a letter might include resuming the PBMR preapplication interactions, submitting a PBMR design certification application and submitting topical reports on PBMR analytical codes and methods.

Please inform me as to whether or when such an information letter might be sent to the NRC.

Thanks you.

Best Regards,

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