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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to attend and participate in the upcoming Theme 1 Task Group Meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) Coordinated Research Programme on BIOSphere Modelling and ASSESSment Methods (BIOMASS). The meeting is being jointly organized by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (US NRC) and the IAEA, and will be held from 30 August to 3 September 1999 at the US NRC's Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

Key objectives of the meeting include:

- Finalization of the Task Group 2 data report;
- Finalization of the Example 1A/B document;
- Development of alternate states input for Example 2A-boreal biosphere system description;
- Development of biosphere identification and justification for Example 3A, with specific focus on dealing with the biosphere change; and
- Conceptual and mathematical model development for Example 2A-temperate.

It is understood that your attendance is cost-free to the US NRC and the IAEA with regard to this meeting.

A meeting agenda and working papers will be sent out in early August. If you are planning to attend the meeting, please inform the Technical Secretariat as soon as you can, if possible; by Friday, July 30, 1999, at the latest (Martine Greenhalgh, phone: +44 1491 842538; fax: +44 1491 576 916; email: biomass@quantisci.co.uk).

Please note that participants are responsible for their own accommodations. Information on the location of the US NRC's Rockville offices relative to various transportation and hotel facilities can be found on the World Wide Web at [#1](http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/WHATIS/directio.html#1) #3. The simplest way for people to get to the US NRC from their hotels is to use the Metrorail system. The US NRC buildings are across the street from the White Flint Metrorail station. Note that the hotel map available through the US NRC web page listed above fails to mark the location of a Metrorail station (Twinbrook Station) directly behind the Doubletree Hotel northwest of US NRC Headquarters.

A valid passport is required for entry into the United States of America, and a visa is needed for visitors from some countries. Please check whether you need a visa. Should this be the case, you should note that in order to allow sufficient time for travel to and from the meeting, visas should be obtained for the period from 28 August to 5 September 1999.

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Should you have any queries, please contact Christopher McKenney of my staff at, phone: +1 301 415 6663; fax: +1 301 415 5399; E-mail: cam1@nrc.gov. We look forward to seeing you in Rockville, Maryland.

Yours sincerely,

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