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Subject: RES Intention for the GT-MHR

Tom,
I wanted to touch base with you on RES intention for the General Atomics Gas -Turbine Modular Helium Reactor (GT-MHR) pre-application plan. RES has recieved GA's GT-MHR Pre-application Plan. Just like the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor , we intent to develop a staff plan to conduc the pre-application activities and prepare a Commission Paper that describes the plan. The plan would be similiar to the PBMF Plan (SECY-01-0070). However, unlike SECY-01-0070, we would not ask the Commission's permission to proceed with the plan but instead proceed unless told otherwise (negative consent). We would proceed since the Commission has approved the budget that includes work on the GT-MHR, and the GT-MHR pre-application effort is included in the Operating Plan. Additionally, the staff has prepared documents advicing the Commission on advanced reactors that has continously included GT-MHR resources (i.e. FLIRA Report). We have discussed proceeding with GA meetings with John Craig. John saw no reason to delay meeting with GA on the GT-MHR because of the above rational. However, now we are talking about the plan. Please give me a call at your convenience. Thanks. Jose 415-8742

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