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Dear Dr. Burchell:

In response to the invitation in your April 26, 2005, letter, I would like to nominate Dr. Makuteswara Srinivasan to serve as a member of the new American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Project Team (PT) on graphite core components. As per your letter, the PT will work on writing a draft design code for graphite components for nuclear reactors.

Dr. Srinivasan is currently a Senior Materials Engineer in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, and has considerable expertise in the area advanced gas cooled reactor safety, including his assignments as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) reviewer for both the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor preapplication review and Gas Turbine Modular Helium Reactor preapplication review. He has industry experience with graphites and has conducted fracture mechanics and crack propagation studies on several graphites. During 2002, he was also on a 4-month assignment at the United Kingdom's (U.K) Nuclear Installations Inspectorate learning first-hand the operational details of the U.K.'s advanced gas cooled reactors (AGRs) and the regulatory challenges for AGRs. At the NRC, he has been significantly involved in the development of regulatory infrastructure for advanced gas cooled reactors in the United States.

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in the work of your committee.

Sincerely,

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