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New PRA Standards

Ref.: Letter, NRC (C. E. Ader) to ASME (K. Ennis) and ANS (M. B. Gardner), "PRA Standards Development," September 27, 2005

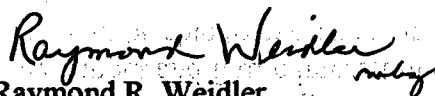
Dear Dr. Ader:

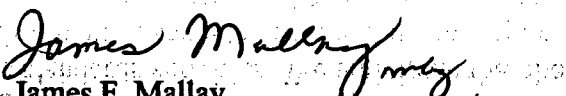
The NRC issued the referenced letter to ANS and ASME concerning potential NRC support of three new standards--intended to address level 1, 2, and 3 PRA--being undertaken under the direction of the standards boards of the two societies. We understand that because of the NRC's commitment to standards already under way prior to 2005 and associated with draft regulatory guide 1.200, significant NRC support of these new standards activities should not be expected in the near term.

The Nuclear Risk Management Coordinating Committee (NRMCC) appreciates your timely input and future interest in these three standards activities. We anticipate that the NRC will be able to participate in their development at some later time. Also in response to your request, we will be developing more detailed projections of future PRA standards activities, which will be provided to you following our next meeting, scheduled for March 9, 2006.

The NRMCC will continue to maintain close contact with the NRC representatives on the committee so that the agency remains informed of the progress being made on these standards.

Very truly yours,


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