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Dear Director General Lacoste:

Thank you for your letter concerning the successful visit to NRC of French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) inspectors. I am pleased that the meetings at the NRC Headquarters and Region I, and observation of NRC inspection activities at Three Mile Island Unit 1 by the ASN inspectors, led to fruitful exchanges.

The NRC staff agrees with your suggestion that further exchanges on the topic of radiation protection inspections would be beneficial. Further, they recommend that this topic be part of the agenda for the next ASN/NRR bilateral regulatory exchange meeting to be held in France. During the visit, NRC participants could observe an ASN inspection at a French nuclear plant.

Sincerely,

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