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Nils J. Diaz - Chairman
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Paris, January 24th 2006

Nils
Dear Chairman Diaz,

I would like to thank you very much for the hospitality of U.S. NRC headquarter and Region I office members and for all their efforts to arrange the visit of inspectors from the French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) from October, 26th to November, 4th, 2005.

The meetings organized and the joint inspection at Three Miles Island nuclear power plants led to very fruitful exchanges.

These meetings with U.S. NRC staff gave ASN inspectors the opportunity to benefit from the American approach in the field of occupational exposure. The broad sharing of information and the openness of discussions were particularly appreciated.

ASN staff members presented ASN's main current concerns as well as assessment and supervision methods in these fields. They were impressed by the large audience they met in Region I during their presentation and by the availability of Mr. Ronald Nimitz, who they joined during a complete week at TMI.

I do believe that further exchanges on this topic would be beneficial for our staff. I suggest that these exchanges take place in France and include an inspection in a French nuclear power plant. ASN staff members would be very happy to welcome NRC staff from the headquarters as well as from any Region.

Sincerely yours,

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