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Dear Vice Minister Li:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Vice Minister of the State Environmental Protection Administration. Your appointment comes at a challenging time as the renewed global interest in the nuclear power sector will require that we consider innovative approaches to fulfilling our regulatory responsibilities, including enhanced cooperation between national regulators. It is with those thoughts in mind that I would like to acknowledge China's recent announcement regarding its plans to purchase four Westinghouse AP 1000 reactors.

As you know, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its certification of the AP 1000 design and is currently reviewing additional portions of the design that were not submitted as part of the original design certification application. The NRC will also perform substantial reviews of the site specific portions of the reactor design once we receive an application for a combined operating license. In order to facilitate a meaningful exchange of information between our two governments with respect to the AP 1000, and as a first step, I have asked Ms. Janice Dunn Lee, Director, Office of International Programs and Mr. Gary Holahan, Deputy Director, Office of New Reactors, to meet with you and your staff. These meetings are currently scheduled to take place in Beijing on January 18-19, 2007. I also look forward to meeting you during our upcoming Regulatory Information Conference which will be held March 13-15, 2007, and for which a separate invitation was previously sent.

Sincerely,

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