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Dear Vice Minister Li:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I want to thank you for your letters dated February 12, 2007 and March 26, 2007. The Commission shares your views on furthering the cooperative relationship between the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) and the NRC. Cooperation on the safe construction of the AP 1000 nuclear reactor will benefit both our countries.

We understand from NRC senior staff that fruitful meetings have been held with the NNSA delegation in Beijing and Washington, D.C., and that the text of the Memorandum of Cooperation has been provided to the NNSA for your comments. The NRC is committed to signing this document the week of May 21, 2007, during the U.S.-Sino Strategic Economic Dialogues.

The NRC also anticipates renewing the NRC-NNSA Protocol for Cooperation in the near future. The U.S. governmental review necessary for granting the NNSA's full access to the Code Analysis Maintenance Program and Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program is now underway. The NRC will inform you when the review is complete.

I want to thank you for your invitation to visit China this year. I anticipate being able to confirm a date with you in the very near future, and I look forward to participating in a bilateral meeting with you and seeing China for the first time.

Sincerely,

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