

July 13, 2007

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Dear Bob:

The intent of this letter is to share with you the current schedule for new reactor applications based on discussions during the closed Commission Meeting with you, along with Msrs. Paulison and Foresman on April 16, 2007. During this meeting, a variety of emergency preparedness and security items of mutual interest were discussed.

On May 2, 2007, the Commission directed the NRC staff to continue close coordination with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Office of Infrastructure Protection on a number of security matters, such as the changing workload and funding priorities on anticipated new reactor license applications, including the schedule for DHS security consultation pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. To keep you current, a copy of the most recent update of this schedule is provided (Enclosure 1). Also included, is the estimated schedule focusing on the Consultation Report. We will provide you an update in the next several weeks (Enclosure 2). My staff has also previously provided its respective DHS counterparts with a proposed new reactor license application review security consultation schedule. Hopefully, these shared documents will assist you in planning, establishing priorities and funding related activities.

As we've discussed on several occasions, in order for each agency to accomplish its respective tasks in an efficient, effective and timely manner, we both recognize the importance to communicate, and have agreement on priorities and schedules. If resource limitations, or other factors, are likely to impact scheduling and expected deliverables, it is requested that this be shared as early as possible in the process so that we can make the necessary adjustments to our common schedules and reprioritize tasks, as necessary.

I hope the information provided with this correspondence is useful to your planning and resource allocation and management efforts in support of new reactor licensing activities. These activities will be carried out in accordance with the working relationships established in the recently developed NRC-DHS Consultation Memorandum of Understanding. My staff and their respective DHS counterparts are continuing to meet on a monthly basis to update the security consultation activities and schedule.

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As always, I appreciate your support and assistance in achieving our common goal of public health and safety.

Any questions by your staff pertaining to this matter, may be directed to Mr. Douglas Huyck at 301-415-5992.

Sincerely,

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