

September 18, 2007

Mr. Kevin Richards
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Dear Mr. Richards:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a Commission meeting on new reactor issues, Wednesday, October 24, 2007. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting will have two parts. In the morning at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a panel of external stakeholders will present views on the new reactor programs. In the afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the NRC staff will present its programs addressing new reactor construction and inspection and Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC). The Commission understands that your presentation will represent the views of industry on new reactor construction and inspection issues. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1).

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please send a copy of any written material to Ms. Michelle Schroll in the Office of the Secretary, by October 17, 2007, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). If you intend to use viewgraphs, please notify Ms. Schroll as soon as possible. Paper or electronic presentation formats, such as PowerPoint, are acceptable.

This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you use PowerPoint or other electronic presentation format, we would appreciate receiving your materials in electronic form so your viewgraphs can be posted on the website prior to the meeting. Please e-mail them to rms1@nrc.gov and smj@nrc.gov.

You may also fax material to (301) 415-1672. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Schroll at 301-415-1662. Please bring 80 copies of your material to the meeting for members of the public. If you are unable to provide these copies, please advise.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes or less, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters office is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. The trip from Metro Center takes about 45 minutes.

Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Schroll in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance