December 18, 2007

Mr. Dennis Spurgeon
Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Spurgeon:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a public Commission meeting on new reactor issues with a focus on advanced reactors. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 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 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a panel of external stakeholders, including yourself, will present views on support and plans for advanced reactors. In the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the NRC staff will summarize the status of its new reactor activities and its planning for advanced reactors. The Commission is interested in hearing about the DOE's overall strategy and support for advanced reactors and, specifically, the current status of its Next Generation Nuclear Plant (NGNP) program. 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 (rms1@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by February 13, 2008, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting.

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. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). The wide margin on the bottom of each slide provides room for live captioning on the Web. If you intend to use viewgraphs, please notify Ms. Schroll As soon as possible.

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 30 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.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance