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Mr. Karl Von Ahn, RRPT
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Dear Mr. Von Ahn:

This is an invitation for you to serve as a guest lecturer at the Sealed Source and Device (SSD) Workshop scheduled for September 15-19, 2008, to be held in Houston, TX. The purpose of the Workshop is to provide training to NRC and Agreement State staff on conducting SSD safety evaluations. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission holds such workshops every 2-3 years depending on training needs. The workshops, which are scheduled for 4 ½ days, are comprised of classroom lectures covering the basic skills needed for conducting SSD safety evaluations, site visits to licensee facilities providing an experience of the fabrication and operation of licensed hardware for the participants, as well as performing selected case studies as class exercises.

We request your participation in the upcoming Workshop. Currently, we anticipate 20 participants, mostly from the Agreement States and a few more from the NRC staff who need such training. We have tentatively scheduled you for giving four presentations Monday through Wednesday, and we would also appreciate your participation, giving guidance to the participants with your experience, in the case study class exercises on Thursday and Friday during the week.

Your travel expenses for participating in this course will be paid for by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Please make your travel arrangements through Carlson Wagonlit Travel at 301-415-5006 immediately and then submit your travel information needed for NRC to issue their travel authorization (Appendix A) to Traci Kime (Fax 301-415-3502). (See invitational travel information in AD-500 at: <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/procedures/ad500.pdf>).

I want to convey my appreciation for your willingness to participate in the Workshop and contribute to the conduct of the Workshop with your expertise. Please direct any questions associated with travel to Traci Kime at 301-415-8140. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please feel free to contact Dr. John Jankovich of my staff at (301) 415-7904.

Sincerely,

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