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Dear Mr. Whittaker-Sheppard,

The Division of Nuclear Materials and Safety would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to you and to Mr. Stephen Butala. Mr. Butala's presentation was very informative and helpful during our Counterpart Meeting held at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, Lisle, Illinois office on June 18, 2008.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct) expanded the definition of "byproduct material" subject to NRC's authority to include material made radioactive in a particle accelerator. Mr. Butala's presentation, "Accelerator Produced Radioactive Material," provided our staff with a good working knowledge of the production and waste stream management of accelerator produced radioactive material. The information presented has provided us with additional knowledge to help protect the public health and safety from the uses of accelerator produced radioactive material.

Mr. Butala was very knowledgeable and professional. We certainly learned a great deal about the unique aspects of accelerator produced radioactive materials. Again, thank you so much for allowing Mr. Butala to support our annual counterpart meeting. We have no doubt that Mr. Butala's contribution was a factor in the success of our counterpart meeting.

Very sincerely,

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