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SUBJECT: STAFF ATTENDANCE AT 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

The staff requests the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) management support four staff members and detailee from the Division of Security Policy attend the July 2009 annual meeting of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM) to present papers, take part in a panel discussion, and participate generally during other presentations and interacting with other domestic and international safeguards and security professionals.

In January 2009, Martha Williams, asked Charles Pietri, of the INMM Technical Program Committee Chair, whether there would be interest in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) conducting a half-day session at this year's annual meeting that would provide an update to industry, other regulators, the public, and the international community on how the NRC regulates material control and accounting and physical protection at our licensee facilities. Mr. Pietri expressed great interest in this session, noting that "It is very timely that our international community gets a better, broader, and more detailed picture of NRC and its role in regulating MC&A and Physical Protection at licensee facilities." The session would also include a panel discussion, during which the NRC staff would have the opportunity to answer questions about the individual papers and NRC's operations.

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- NRC Information Security Program - J Rivers
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The staff provided abstracts in late January 2009, and has recently received confirmation that the abstracts have been accepted. Papers are due to INMM by June 9, 2009. We are requesting the following four DSP staff and detailee to attend this conference to present the DSP papers and participate in panel discussions: Alan Frazier, Marshall Kohen, Joseph Rivers and Michael Kelly.

There are two additional items to note. At the 2008 annual conference, Larry Harris won a free registration for any NRC employee to the 2009 annual conference. The "free registration" coupon will be used by one of the three individuals listed above. Second, Kristina Jamgochian requested, and has been approved to attend this conference as training, she can help support the panel discussions and, if necessary, give one of the NRC presentations.

It should be noted that INMM is the premier scientific and educational organization committed to advancing quality nuclear materials management practices worldwide. Nuclear materials management professionals develop international standards, treaties, and safe and secure means of packaging and transporting nuclear materials, including spent fuel. They develop systems and technologies to protect nuclear facilities and materials, and safe and effective measures to store and dispose of nuclear materials. The INMM is largely composed of safeguards and security professionals dedicated to material protection, control, and accounting aspects of nuclear materials. These professionals are found in government, academia and industry, both domestically and worldwide. NRC safeguards staff have participated in the organization, particularly at the annual meeting, over the past few decades of the INMM's 50 years of existence. NRC Chairmen have delivered presentations at the opening plenary session, and upper management have given presentations at the closing plenary session.

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