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Dear Mr. Sagayama:

Thank you for your very kind invitation to participate in the workshop on future licensing of next generation sodium fast reactors (SFR) in December 2009. At this time, I must regretfully decline your invitation to participate this year as I have prior commitments during this period. William Reckley, Branch Chief, Advanced Reactors Branch No. 1, Office of New Reactors; and Kathy Halvey Gibson, Deputy Director, Division of Systems Analysis, Office of Research, will represent the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at the SFR workshop. Mr. Reckley's office is responsible for all advanced reactor prototypes, and he will be able to provide insights from a regulatory perspective.

I hope to return to Japan in the future and use the opportunity to gain and renew acquaintances and discuss issues of mutual interest with colleagues at the Japan Atomic Energy Agency.

I wish you good attendance and much success with this year's workshop, and hope that you will think of me again when planning future workshops. Please accept my very best regards.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko