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Dear Ms. Doane,

As you know, the Italian Government is envisaging a new nuclear power programme. The recent law on this matter provides for a single process for authorization of new nuclear plants, which might be comparable with the NRC's combined license (COL) process.

In this regard, it was particularly interesting to discuss with Commissioner Klein on how we are preparing for the new nuclear power program during his recent visit to Rome and we greatly appreciated the assistance he offered to ISPRA.

Considering our particular interest in studying in depth your COL process, we would ask if, in the frame of the Arrangement currently in force between NRC and ISPRA, you're willingness to start a specific co-operation on this matter. In this regard, with reference to contacts kept with Mr. Jerry Wilson and Ms. Elizabeth Smiroldo, we ask if you would be willing to authorize Mr. Jerry Wilson to advise ISPRA's Nuclear Department, through the coordination of our Office for International Relations.

As to the terms for this co-operation, we fully agree with the statement by Ms. Smiroldo on November 24, that *"NRC generally provides assistance that falls under the arrangement free of charge. ISPRA would be required to cover certain expenses, such as travel for ISPRA representatives who visit the U.S.; travel and salaries for any ISPRA assignees who take advantage of NRC's foreign assignee program, etc. Our information is all free of charge. Certain nuclear codes (c.g., TRACE, RELAP) are not free, but the costs can be negotiated. In addition, if your organization wanted to send participants to our training programs, those are free as well (although provided only a space-available basis). Again, travel and lodging would be at ISPRA's expense"*.

Looking forward for your kind reply,

Yours sincerely

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