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Dear Dr. Dinges:

On February 8, 2011, you participated as a panelist at the Commission's public meeting on the implementation of 10 CFR 26, Subpart I, Managing Fatigue. Your prepared comments and responses to the Commissioners' questions during this meeting were extremely helpful in communicating the current science relevant to the Commission's requirements concerning worker fatigue. Please accept my personal gratitude for the time and effort you contributed to enhancing our understanding of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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