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For your information...

I spoke with Scott Elkins this morning to better understand the status of the CARS contract. Below is what Scott said.

1. CARS stands for Code Applications for Reactor Systems.
2. KC's MELCOR analysis for SOARCA is within the scope of CARS.
3. The predecessor contract to CARS ended 6 months ago. Scott's branch (RSAB) has been without a contract for 6 months. One of the causes for the gap is the time it took for the Chairman paper. RSAB is using stop gap measures (such as DOE lab agreements) to fill in during the gap.
4. Getting CARS awarded is a high priority for RSAB.
5. There are multiple bidders on CARS, and NRC is going through the evaluation and award process now. The Source Evaluation panel has met and developed a report that includes a list of questions for the bidders. The report will be provided to the Division of Contracts (ADM) today, who will then 1) provide the report to OGC and 2) send the questions to the bidders. OGC review is nominally 2 weeks long. Division of Contracts estimated that the contract would be awarded by 2/28.