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**Cc:** Abraham, Susan  
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I like it. It is more to the point and does align with the sole source justification. I concur.

- James

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Hi James,

OGC (Mike Norris), had some comments specifically regarding the "close proximity" paragraph so I wanted to run it by you again for your concurrence:

### Here is what you concurred on:

As another example, the location of the RIC is carefully considered before a site selection is made. To ensure a high level of NRC employee participation, the RIC must be held within close proximity to the NRC Headquarters. Historical data has shown that if the RIC's location is not within close proximity to the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD, then NRC employee attendance decreases. Further, the close proximity would add a considerable cost savings to the government in transportation and staff hours by offering a valuable opportunity for NRC staff and our international counterparts to conduct side meetings to discuss official business both onsite and at NRC Headquarters. These side meetings reduce the need for a significant amount of additional international travel for NRC staff.

### Here is OGC's rewrite:

The conference location – across the street from NRC Headquarters – provides tremendous savings in that it completely eliminates travel and per diem costs for most federal attendees, completely eliminates conference preparation travel, enables the NRC to use its own Headquarters facility for some of the needed additional meeting space without incurring any additional cost, and enables NRC staff to attend only the portions of the conference that are valuable to them and to return to their workplaces for the remainder of each day. Additionally, this location enables NRC staff and our international counterparts to take that opportunity to conduct non-conference business that would otherwise necessitate international travel, further reducing annual travel costs.

Okay with the rewrite?

Please advise and thank you.

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