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Mr. Michael Binder
President
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Dear Mr. Binder:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased to invite you to attend the NRC's 25th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), sponsored by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, in conjunction with the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. The conference will be held March 12, 13, and 14, 2013, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The NRC Office of International Programs requests your participation, or that of your designee, as a panelist in an international session entitled, "International Capacity Building and Coordination: Supporting Nuclear Safety and Regulation among New and Developed Nuclear Energy Programs," scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013, from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. This session will be an opportunity for each panelist to describe their respective organization's role and work with countries that committed to new or expanding nuclear energy programs in other countries. Speakers are being asked to expand on how assistance needs are identified, projects are developed and resources are leveraged. The session recognizes that although the number of countries interested in pursuing nuclear energy has decreased, there is increasing international recognition of the importance for supporting capacity-building efforts and international coordination among nuclear regulators.

The panel will include speakers from other nuclear supplier countries, as well as from the International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Commission. Overall, this session will be a forum for highlighting the ongoing bilateral and multilateral activities among the developing and developed nuclear regulatory bodies worldwide. It will be interesting for RIC participants to learn about specific activities that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) is involved with in this area. In addition, your broader insights about successes and challenges related to this topic would be welcome. It is requested that each panelist prepare a 10 minute speech and slide presentation. Following panelist presentations, there will be time for an engaging question and answer period with the audience. Additional session forms and information are included in enclosures to this letter. NRC hopes that you are able to accept this invitation to join the international panel. If you are unable to speak on this panel, we would welcome a designee of your choosing to present on your behalf. Please contact Ms. Danielle Emche at 301-415-2644 or via e-mail to Danielle.Emche@nrc.gov, indicating whether you or a designee from CNSC will participate as a session panelist.

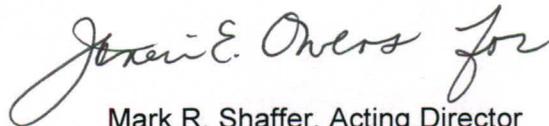
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If you or your designee will be participating, please complete the enclosed forms by February 2, 2013, and send these to Ms. Emche. You may also contact Ms. Emche should you have any questions. Additional information about the RIC, including online RIC registration and a complete program schedule, can be found by visiting the NRC website at www.nrc.gov and clicking on the RIC banner.

We look forward to seeing you at the RIC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark R. Shaffer for".

Mark R. Shaffer, Acting Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosures:

1. Session Description
2. Speaker Information
and Confirmation form
3. External Speaker Agreement