

December 3, 2014

Mansfield Fellowship Review Committee
1401 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 740
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mansfield Fellowship Review Committee:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), it is my distinct pleasure to recommend James Noggle for the Mansfield Fellowship Program. Although over three years have now passed since the Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami ravaged Japan's northeastern coastline and triggered the triple meltdowns at the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, the United States efforts to support Japan's recovery continue unabated. As an independent agency responsible for regulating the safe and secure use of nuclear materials in the United States, the NRC's staff is in a unique position to share our technical expertise with our Japanese counterparts through the Mansfield Fellowship Program, while concurrently gleaning lessons learned from Japan's implementation of nuclear safety and security enhancements following the Fukushima-Daiichi accident. Mr. Noggle is particularly well-suited for this role, due to his extensive nuclear experience in Japan and the rapport he has developed with the Government of Japan during the NRC's Fukushima-Daiichi response effort.

Mr. Noggle currently serves as Branch Chief in the NRC's Region I Office in the Division of Reactor Safety and is responsible for emergency response and radiation protection inspections at nuclear power plants throughout the northeastern United States. As a certified health physicist, and in his current capacity as manager of a regional emergency response center, he is ideally suited to work with the newly formed Nuclear Regulation Authority, associated Ministries, and the Government of Japan. He is keenly aware of the challenges associated with emergency response and radiation protection and is cognizant of the actions currently underway to recover from the Fukushima-Daiichi accident.

The NRC has a long-standing cooperative relationship with our regulatory counterparts in Japan. Since signing an information exchange agreement with Japan in 1974, the NRC has collaborated with our Japanese regulatory partners on a wide range of nuclear safety and security topics. Following the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear accident and the subsequent creation of Japan's new regulatory organization in 2012, President Obama and former Prime Minister Noda announced the formation of the Bilateral Commission on Nuclear Cooperation to expand bilateral cooperation on civil nuclear energy, including nuclear regulation, decontamination at Fukushima-Daiichi, nuclear research and development, nonproliferation, safeguards, security, and emergency response. The participation of the NRC staff in the Mansfield Fellowship Program would broaden and augment the NRC-Japan Nuclear Regulation Authority partnership and build long-term relationships between our organizations. In addition, as a returning Mansfield Fellow, Mr. Noggle will be in an excellent position to provide unique perspectives gathered in Japan to inform the NRC's regulatory activities to improve nuclear safety and security in the United States for years to come.

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Thank you for considering Mr. Noggle for the Mansfield Fellowship. I know that he will be an asset to your program. Please do not hesitate to contact Eric Stahl of the NRC's Office of International Programs (eric.stahl@nrc.gov or 301-415-8705) if you have any questions concerning NRC's participation in the Mansfield Fellowship Program.

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