

February 27, 2015

Dr. Dana A. Powers
Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Dr. Powers:

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to congratulate you on your election to the National Academy of Engineering. We are pleased to note the Academy's recognition of your significant contributions to commercial nuclear power plant safety in the U.S. and globally and your contributions in the area of radioactive source-term processes. You are most deserving of this honor.

As the longest-serving member of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), you hold a unique position of having advised the Commission for over two decades. From my personal perspective, and from what I have heard from Commissioners past and present, the advice provided to the Commission by the ACRS is invaluable to the Commission's decision making. Equally important is the invaluable contribution you have made to the body that has been providing that sage advice. The agency makes better decisions because of the hard work and dedication of you and your colleagues on the broad range of issues that come before the Committee.

I want to thank you for your continued service to the Commission as a member of the ACRS and to the Nation, for all of the work you do to further the safe and secure use of nuclear materials.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Stephen G. Burns