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**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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SECRETARY

Kasia Mendelsohn
Assistant Deputy Administrator for
Nonproliferation and International Security
National Nuclear Security Administration
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Mendelsohn:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a meeting to discuss Executive Branch insights on the policy, strategy, negotiation and execution of the renewal Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy agreement (Section 123 Agreement) with China. The meeting will be held on February 26, 2015, 2:00-3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) on the second floor of the NRC's Headquarters building and will be closed to the public.

As you know, the Commission must provide the President with an independent analysis of the proposed Agreement. As the time to review the Agreement text and all the accompanying documents is being impacted by the need for it to sit before Congress for 90 consecutive days of session before the current Agreement lapses in December 2015, the Commission is seeking this meeting to ensure it is fully informed while not delaying the Executive Branch package going to the Congress. To ensure the broadest possible discussion of this initiative, the Commission also invited representatives from the National Security Council and the State Department, each of which has participated in the United States Government policy development and implementation.

The agenda provides up to 40 minutes for presentations by you and the other representatives, followed by a dialogue with the Commission. For NRC's planning purposes, we would appreciate you nominating a point of contact on your staff with whom details about the content of the anticipated discussion can be coordinated. NRC's point of contact is Dr. Karen Henderson, Office of International Programs, who can be reached by phone at (301) 415-0202, and by email at Karen.henderson@nrc.gov.

The Commission intends for this meeting to be interactive and collaborative. Should you have any topics that you would specifically want to include in discussions with the Commission, please provide those topics through our points of contact. If you plan to use written material, including handouts/slides, we would appreciate receiving your materials prior to the briefing, preferably in electronic form, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Please email your materials to Mr. Glenn Ellmers and Ms. Pam Shea (Glenn.ellmers@nrc.gov and Pamela.shea@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary.

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If you have any questions about the logistics of the meeting, please contact the Office of the Secretary at 301-415-1969 or Mr. Ellmers at 301-415-0442. If you do not plan to take the Metro, reserved visitor parking is available for you. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify us in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure:
As stated

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Title: **BRIEFING ON NRC INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**
(Closed - Ex. 1 & 9)

Purpose: This meeting is to provide the Commission an opportunity to discuss sensitive international activities with representatives of Executive Branch agencies.

Scheduled: **February 26, 2015**
2:00 pm

Duration: Approx. 1.5 hours

Location: OWFN SCIF, O2B2

Participants:

Presentation

40 mins.

Tom Countryman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State

Joyce Connery, Director, Nuclear Energy Policy, Office of International Economics, National Security Council

Laura Holgate, Senior Director, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Threat Reduction, National Security Council

Kasia Mendelsohn, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Nonproliferation and International Security, National Nuclear Security Administration

Topic:

- Country-specific 123 Agreement

Commission Q & A

40 mins.

Wrap-up

5 mins.

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