

November 12, 2015

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Dear Mr. Tannenbaum

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you to participate as a speaker at NRC's 28th Regulatory Information Conference (RIC). The RIC will be held on March 8-10, 2016, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Co-sponsored by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, the RIC brings together nearly 3,000 participants from over 30 countries representing interested parties from government, industry, international agencies, other interested stakeholders, and members of the public. The RIC provides an open forum for stakeholders to learn, share, and discuss information on significant and timely nuclear regulatory activities, processes, and emergent issues.

We request your participation as a panelist during the session entitled, "Procurement Oversight: Quality Counts." The session will give RIC participants an opportunity to learn about supply chain challenges associated with the procurement of goods and services for safety-related applications. We would like you to present the key aspects of EPRI's new guidance document, "Guidelines for the Acceptance of Commercial Grade Items in Nuclear Safety Related Applications." Your presentation will help engage dialogue and stimulate questions and comments from session participants. This session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

We believe that you could make a great contribution to our session entitled "Procurement Oversight: Quality Counts" and briefly speak about the key aspects of EPRI's new guidance document, "Guidelines for the Acceptance of Commercial Grade Items in Nuclear Safety Related Applications."

Ms. Antoinette Sakadales will be the Coordinator for this session, and can be reached at (301) 415-6441 and via email at Antoinette.Sakadales@nrc.gov.

We hope you are able to accept this invitation, and if you can participate, we request that you complete and electronically return the enclosed **Speaker Information and Confirmation**,

Biographical Information and signed External Speaker Agreement to Antoinette Sakadales by **December 18, 2015**, to ensure inclusion in the final printed program.

Lastly, you can find RIC-related news and up-to-date conference information by navigating from the NRC's official public web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/>.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and we look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Sincerely,

Kerri Kavanagh, Chief **/RA/**
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