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Dear Mr. Völzke:

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you to participate as a speaker at NRC's 28<sup>th</sup> 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, "*Spent Fuel Research Activities – Research Efforts Affecting Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation*." The session will give participants an opportunity to learn about the latest research activities being performed within the spent fuel storage and transportation arena. With this in mind, we would like you to provide a discussion on BAM's research program. Topics of potential interest to consider are any research activities associated with secondary impacts that can occur during transportation, high burn-up fuel, and/or seal testing. Your presentation will provide useful insights and awareness to the regulated community and will help engage dialogue and stimulate questions and comments from session participants.

We hope you are available to accept this invitation. To confirm your participation, we request that you complete and sign the enclosed forms, and return them electronically to the Session Coordinator listed below by December 11, 2015.

In the event that you are not available to participate, please notify *Shadi Ghayeb*, Session Coordinator, at your earliest opportunity. They can be reached at (301) 415-7693 / [Shadi.Ghayeb@nrc.gov](mailto:Shadi.Ghayeb@nrc.gov).

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,

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Christian Araguas  
Session Chair

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Confirmation, Biographical Information, and External Speaker Agreement Forms

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