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December 21, 2015

Mr. David Newberg, Chairman
DeWitt County Board of Commissioners
201 West Washington Street
P. O. Box 439
Clinton, IL 61727

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Mr. Newberg:

During the week of November 16, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission hosted counterparts from the Government of Japan to observe and have technical discussions on the Clinton Hostile Action Based (HAB) Exercise. The exchange was held under the scope of the United States-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation (BLC). The BLC was created in 2012 by President Obama and then Prime Minister Noda to expand bilateral cooperation on civil nuclear energy, including nuclear regulation, decontamination of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, nuclear research and development, non-proliferation, security, and emergency response. The discussions, exercise observation, and site tours provided a unique opportunity to address a wide number of related nuclear safety and security topics and share best practices between the two countries.

Teresa Barnett, Coordinator, DeWitt County Emergency Management Agency, was instrumental in achieving such a successful exchange. Ms. Barnett enthusiastically supported the effort from planning through exercise completion. Ms. Barnett's generous support and hospitality including providing a presentation and tour of the County Emergency Operations Facilities, and direct observation opportunities for three counterparts and their escorts during the exercise, exceeded our expectations. The counterparts noted Ms. Barnett's command and control and ability to manage an actual environmental emergency occurring in real time as the HAB exercise was progressing.

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In closing, we appreciate the contribution that Ms. Barnett made to our effort in support of the BLC. If your future activities would benefit from our involvement, please contact Herral Logaras, Region III Government Liaison Specialist with your request at (630) 829-9659.

Sincerely,

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