

January 29, 2016

Mr. Pierre-Franck Chevet
Chairman
Nuclear Safety Authority
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Dear Chairman Chevet:

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased to invite you to attend the NRC's 28th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), sponsored by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. The conference will be held March 8-10, 2016, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The NRC's Office of International Programs (OIP) requests your participation as a panelist in an international session entitled, "*International Strategies to Support Ongoing Regulatory Activities and Emerging Nuclear Safety and Security Issues*," scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. This session will be an opportunity for panelists to discuss their agency's efforts related to the oversight of nuclear power plants that are reaching or exceeding the end of their originally licensed periods of operation, while simultaneously addressing emergent nuclear safety and security issues. In particular, we would be appreciative if you, in your role as Chairman of the Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN), could speak to ASN's experience in this arena. The information presented during this panel will allow participants to learn more about the unique set of challenges that ASN and regulators worldwide are facing reconciling efforts to maintain ongoing regulatory activities for ageing nuclear power plants while also addressing new and emerging issues.

OIP is planning for this session to include speakers from Belgium, China, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency. It is requested that each panelist prepare a 15-minute speech and slide presentation. Following panelist presentations, there will be time for an engaging question and answer period with the audience. Session forms and information are included as enclosures to this letter.

We hope that you are able to accept this invitation to join the international session as a panel speaker. Please contact Ms. Susan Wittick of my staff, at 301-415-1055 or via e-mail at Susan.Wittick@nrc.gov, if you have any questions about participation. Please complete the enclosed forms by February 10, 2016, and send the forms to Ms. Wittick. Additional

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We look forward to seeing you at the RIC.

Sincerely,

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Nader L. Mamish, Director
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