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ATTN: Chief of Docketing and Services Branch

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

The Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control has reviewed several of the Direction Setting Issues Papers (DSI's) included in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) strategic and rebaselining initiative. Enclosed are our comments on the following DSI's:

DSI 2	DSI 9	DSI 14	DSI 23
DSI 4	DSI 12	DSI 20	DSI 24
DSI 5	DSI 11	DSI 21	
DSI 7	DSI 13	DSI 22	

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these documents and to be part of the process.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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ROLE OF INDUSTRY

Of the options described, Option 4, increase interaction with industry and professional groups, seems the best approach for involving the industry and maintaining credibility with the public. We have successfully implemented such a system and try to involve professional groups in our rulemaking activities. We meet and interact frequently with professional societies and groups such as medical physicists and health physicists, to obtain their input and to resolve specific regulatory issues.

In some cases, expanded self-assessments may be allowed in conjunction with a longer inspection interval. However, it would be difficult to have industry groups self-policing without significant changes in the regulatory structure.