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Mr. William G. Ross, Deputy Director
National IPR Center
Homeland Security Investigations
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2451 Crystal Drive,
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Dear Mr. Ross:

It is my sincere pleasure to invite you to participate as a speaker at NRC's 30th Regulatory Information Conference (RIC). The RIC will be held on March 13-15, 2018, 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, "Combatting Counterfeit Parts in Critical Infrastructures, Past, Present, and Future." The session will give RIC participants an opportunity to learn about how the commercial nuclear industry addressed counterfeit parts in the past, and what may be possible in the future. We would like you to discuss the mission of The National IPR Center and specifically, Operation Chain Reaction. Your presentation will help engage dialogue and stimulate questions and comments from session participants. This session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m EST.

Lorena Walls will be the Coordinator for this session, and can be reached at (301) 415-3476 and Lorena.Walls@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 Lorena Walls by **December 18, 2017**, 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/>.

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

Sincerely,

/RA/

Kimberly A. Howell, Director
Office of Investigations

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

Sincerely,

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Kimberly A. Howell, Director
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