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**Subject:** Response: Which is it?

Mr. Gurdziel,

Thank you for your email regarding the April 23, 2019, Commission meeting on the Fuel Facilities and Nuclear Material Users Business Lines. You had asked whether our initiative to create a smarter inspection program was to be risk informed or to save money. We made some changes to the inspection program this past year to both optimize resources and better risk-inform it to focus on the areas of maximum safety benefit. For example, we used the best combination of inspections and site visits to most effectively use our resources. We also integrated inspection periodicity and scope to optimize resources while looking at the areas that provide the greatest safety benefit. These actions are part of our larger plan to create a smarter, more effective fuel cycle inspection program.

Please consider participating in the brainstorming and scoping public workshop scheduled for Tuesday May 21, 2019 to discuss two initiatives involving the nuclear fuel cycle industry. Specifically, the NRC staff wants to engage with all interested stakeholders on two recently issued working group charters to identify improvements to the fuel cycle facilities licensing and oversight programs. The NRC staff would like to gather stakeholder's ideas for transformation and innovation in the licensing and oversight programs. In order for these initiatives to be a success and consistent with the NRC's Principles of Good Regulation, we would like to encourage members of the public and interested stakeholders to attend or participate remotely. In addition, the NRC staff welcomes stakeholder's written remarks or presentations of less than five minutes of length for inclusion during the open discussion of the workshop. If interested, please contact myself or the meeting contacts prior to the meeting to arrange for inclusion in the agenda.

Below I am including the link with the public meeting information, which provides the agenda and reference materials to be discussed during the meeting. The meeting references two working group charters that identify the purpose, task and project schedule for the initiatives. I look forward to engaging with you on this effort in our May 21 public meeting or in future public engagements.

**Meeting Details:** <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg?do=details&Code=20190493>

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