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SUBJECT:

IAEA SAFETY MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES

We have received your request for a "licensing expert" to join an IAEA team scheduled to evaluate a PSAR for two Westinghouse reactors during mid-June. Of great concern to us is the fact that a review of this type may carry with it implied "responsibility" on the part of the NRC. We are being asked to provide two man-weeks worth of safety review for a foreign reactor when our average effort to review a license application in the U.S. is in excess of six man-years.

Based on our current and predicted workload, a senior staff member is not available. Although it is possible, that a mid-level staff specialist might be available; we have not considered this possibility in view of the nature of the request.

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