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Dear Dr. Hendrie:

As you know, the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements seeks to maintain a working relationship with other organizations concerned with radiation protection and measurement. To this end, the Council established the Collaborating Organization mechanism and our collaborating organizations include both scientific and governmental organizations. We have found this a useful mechanism but it does not provide the degree of liaison we believe is needed with those governmental organizations that have strong interests in certain aspects of radiation protection and measurement. Consequently, the Board of Directors of the Council has determined to make available to those governmental organizatioms a special liaison relationship.

Organizations participating in this liaison arrangement will be asked to designate an individual to provide liaison between the organization and the NCRP. The individual designated will receive copies of draft NCRP reports at the time that these drafts are submitted to the Council members for review. The individual will be invited not required) to proffer comments on the draft materials on behalf of the organization, but will not be expected to vote on any draft report. Comments om any report will be considered along with the comments proffered by the Council members. It will be understood that the draft report is a privileged NCRP document and its contents should, as far as possible, be limited to the liaison person and those he must consult in order to develop comments.

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We expect this mechanism to provide important new input into the preparation of NCRP reports and, at the same time, to provide a means of keeping the participating governmental organizations apprised of the thinking of NCRP scientific committees on important problems of radiation protection and measurement. It would also be our intention, when appropriate, to discuss new NCRP efforts with the liaison person and to give this person, also, the opportunity to make suggestions to the NCRP concerning new studies or related matters.

I should like to invite the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to participate in this new effort by designating an individual to serve as liaison representative. Participation in this new liaison relationship will not affect the collaborating status of the Commission in any way, and you will continue to receive NCRP materials and invitations as in the past. We believe, however, that participation in this new effort will prove mutually beneficial and hope that you will agree. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Warren K. Sinclair

President

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