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Mr. Sidney Smith, Exchanges Section Office of Soviet Union Affairs (SOV) Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs (EUR) U.S. Department of . e Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to your recent request, enclosed is a list of activities for the first quarter of 1991 in which the NRC has or will be involved in dealing with the USSR on nuclear reactor safety matters. Listed activities 1-4 are conducted in Working Groups under the auspices of the U.S.-USSR Joint Coordinating Committee on Civilian Nuclear Reactor Safety (JCCCNRS), which was created by a Memorandum of cooperation (MOC) between the countries signed in April 1988. The MOC is in accordance with the June 1, 1990 Agreement on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy between the U.S. and the USSR. Listed Activity 5 is the result of a Soviet invitation that was extended to the delegation 1 led to the USSR at the time of our annual JCCCNRS meeting in October 1990.

None of these activities are new commitments and none involve high-level contacts (Assistant Secretary-level or above). Any proposed new initiatives will continue to be processed through the Working Group on Soviet Science and Technology (GOSSAT), chaired by the State Department.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: James M. Taylor

James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: List of Current and Future USNRC-Soviet Activities Through April 1991

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1. 01/0	8-02/12	Visit of three Soviet reactor safety inspectors to U.S. to learn U.S. regulatory practices
2. 01/2	2-30	Visit of six Soviet engineers to U.S. to discuss power reactor operating experience
3. 02/0	1-03/14	Visit of 15 NRC and private industry engineers to USSR for first U.S. observation of Soviet pressure vessel annealing for possible application in the U.S.
4. 03/16	5-30	Visit of about ten Soviet nuclear engineers to U.S. to discuss safety approaches, regulatory practices, and fire safety
5. 04/15	9-27	Exploratory visit of about eight government and industry engineers to Soviet research facilities in Moscow and environs to evaluate the capabilities of Soviet research facilities, particularly those devoted to natural circulation/passive cooling for reactors.

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