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Dear Prof. Castleman:

SUBJECT: PEER REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT ON "INTERIM SOURCE TERM ASSUMPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND EQUIPMENT QUALIFICATIONS"

In June 1981, the NRC published a report (NUREG-0772) on the "Technical Bases for Estimating Fission Products Behavior During LMR Accidents." In a companion report (NUREG-0771), it was recommended that realistic assumptions and methods should be used in the analyses of accidents postulated for emergency planning and equipment qualification. Pursuant to this recommendation, NRC subsequently contracted Oak Ridge National Laboratory to develop interim assumptions and methods for developing best estimate accident source terms for use in emergency planning and equipment qualification applications.

The ORNL has completed the contracted study, and is in the process of preparing a draft report on this subject. Because of your expertise in the subject area, the NRC invites you to participate in a peer review of this report.

In anticipation of your participation, I have asked that a draft of the ORNL report be mailed to you during the first week of March, 1982. I would appreciate receiving your comments on the draft report at a peer review meeting to be held in Bethesda, Md., on March 18, 1982. Limited funds are available to defray your expenses of travel. Please contact R. O. Chester at ORNL, Telephone (615) 576-2103 or FTS 626-2103, to obtain prior approval of your travel expenses, and to discuss the reimbursement arrangements.

Sincerely,

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