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Given the policy and long range character of the initiatives which the PAG is reviewing, and the potential effect on your programs, we request that the nominee be a senior official experienced in policy/program formulation. Please let me know of your interest and/or nominee as soon as possible. I will then be in touch with NRC's Office of Personnel so that a mutually satisfactory approach can be crafted as promptly as possible.

I can be reached at (301) 504-3340 if you would like to discuss any details with me.

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