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Dear Mr. Hallisey:

As you know, Robert Walker of your office is a member of the National Materials Program Working Group. This Working Group has been set up by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to address the impacts of the increased number of Agreement States and to provide advice to the NRC on the process it will use in the future to develop and maintain the infrastructure of regulations and supporting guidance applied by NRC and the Agreement States in their respective licensing and inspection programs.

The Working Group has met three times since March 2000, to develop its recommendations, and will continue to meet every one to two months between now and the end of May 2001. Mr. Walker has attended the past meetings, and the purpose of this letter is to request his presence at all future meetings.

The following dates and locations have been set for some of the future Working Group meetings:

- 1) August 21-24, 2000 - Washington, DC
- 2) September 11-13, 2000 - Chicago
- 3) October 2-6, 2000 - Charleston, SC

Dates for further meetings have yet to be determined.

I hope this letter is sufficient for you to justify the authorization of Mr. Walker's out-of-state travel on these occasions. As in the past, the NRC will be paying travel expenses related to these meetings.

Sincerely,

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