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MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
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SUBJECT: AGENCY ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE REACTOR
DESIGNS

On February 3, 2000, I sent you a memorandum regarding the lack of agency resources budgeted to participate in and keep abreast of future reactor activities (copy attached). We have not had a chance to discuss this matter and, given the interest and continued activity in this area (domestically and internationally), it would be useful if we could meet soon. Topics of specific interest are the following:

- should we budget for preapplication activities and safety evaluations of future designs, particularly non-LWR designs?
- what cooperative activities should we pursue with DOE through NERI and Generation IV?
- what cooperative activities should we pursue through participation in IAEA and NEA programs (both of these organizations are actively involved in advanced reactors)?
- what should the RES role be (traditionally RES has taken the lead for preapplication activities, especially for non-LWR designs)?

I will contact you soon to schedule a meeting.

Attachment: February 3, 2000, Memorandum

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