

March 19, 2001

Mr. David R. Nicholls
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Dear Mr. Nicholls:

I would like to thank you and your staff for taking time to meet with me and others from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) and U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) delegation on February 27, 2001, regarding the pebble bed modular reactor (PBMR). These discussions were quite valuable and helped us understand the scope, depth and progress made on the PBMR project. Please convey my thanks to those members of your staff who participated in our meetings.

Sincerely,

/RA/ Ashok C. Thadani

Ashok C. Thadani, Director
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

cc: William Magwood, USDOE

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