

April 12, 2001

Dr. Kenneth Rogers
6202 Perthshire Court
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Dr. Rogers:

The Commission is pleased that you have agreed to participate in a Commission meeting on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Programs and Performance, scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2001, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commission's Conference Room on the first floor of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. I have enclosed a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). I am in the process of inviting the expert panel representatives that you recommended to participate in the Commission meeting. Messrs. Gaertner and Ray have confirmed their availability. I will notify you when I receive confirmations from the other invitees.

The Commission is looking forward to hearing the expert panel's views about NRC's current and future research activities. As we discussed on the telephone, I understand that you will provide an overview of the expert panel report recommendations for approximately 15 minutes. I am informing the other panel participants that they will be given an opportunity to provide any key points they would like to emphasize to the Commission following your presentation. The Commission will then have an opportunity to ask questions and have a dialogue with the representatives of the Expert Panel for approximately 30 minutes. To provide the Commission an opportunity to prepare for your presentation, please send a copy of your written material to Mr. David Gamberoni in the Office of the Secretary, by May 3, 2001, including testimony, any view graphs, visual aids, or other printed materials that you plan to use at the meeting. Power Point or other electronic presentation format are also acceptable. If possible, we would appreciate receiving your materials in electronic form. You may e-mail them to dlg2@nrc.gov and smj@nrc.gov. You may also fax your material to Mr. Gamberoni at (301) 415-1672. I am enclosing guidelines for preparing your briefing visuals, if you plan to use them, to ensure that they will be compatible with the Commission's conference room television graphics system (enclosure 2).

-2-

If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Mr. Gamberoni at 301-415-1651 or Ms. Joosten 301-415-1962 in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check with the security staff at the entrance to the garage, which is at the rear of the building, upon arrival.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

SCHEDULING NOTES - DRAFT

Title: Briefing on Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs and Performance

Scheduled: 10:30 a.m. - Thursday, May 10, 2001 (PUBLIC)

Duration: Approx. 2 hours

Participants: Presentation

Panel 1 - ACRS/Expert Panel

– ACRS 10 mins.*

Dr. Dana Powers
Dr. Graham Wallis

– Expert Panel for Review of NRC's Research 30 mins.*

Dr. Kenneth Rogers, Panel Chairman
Dr. William Magwood, IV, Director Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. DOE
Mr. Harold Ray, Exec. VP, SCE
Mr. John Gaertner, EPRI
Mr. Paul Leventhal, President, Nuclear Control Institute
Dr. Thomas Murley

Panel 2 - NRC Staff

– RES 20 mins.*

Documents: - ACRS and Expert Panel reports scheduled to be issued early April

* For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's.