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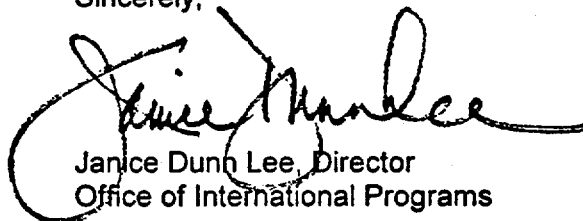
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Dear Dr. Waller:

I am forwarding for your consideration a proposed Implementing Agreement to our "Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety and Research Matters" which is specific to the discussions we have had about expanding cooperative USNRC-CNSNS activities in the emergency preparedness area. We have decided to explore the implementing agreement framework with you because Article II.2 of the original (umbrella) Arrangement already contains more general nuclear emergency cooperation provisions. Since cooperation in this area was clearly anticipated, we do not have to submit the attached draft for U.S. interagency review and clearance again. This significantly reduces our administrative burden and expedites our movement toward signature. I hope it will facilitate action for you as well. With this in mind, we have also written the Implementing Agreement in the broadest terms possible to allow the addition of any future activity upon our mutual consent.

I look forward to receiving your comments and to taking advantage of our next meeting to further our dialogue on this - perhaps on the margins of the IAEA General Conference this September, if not before. Are you and Mr. Delgado planning to attend? I will be there with Chairman Meserve.

Sincerely,



Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Draft Implementing Agreement on
Emergency Preparedness

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**IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT
ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
TO THE
ARRANGEMENT
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND
COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RESEARCH MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(U.S.N.R.C.)
AND
THE COMISION NACIONAL DE SEGURIDAD NUCLEAR Y SALVAGUARDIAS
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
(C.N.S.N.S.)**

Whereas the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the U.S.N.R.C.) and the Comision Nacional de Seguridad Nuclear y Salvaguardias of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as the C.N.S.N.S.) are Parties to an "Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety and Research Matters" (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement), signed in Mexico City on March 5, 1997;

Whereas Article II.2 of the Arrangement already contains several provisions relating to "Nuclear Emergency Cooperation," and both the U.S.N.R.C. and the C.N.S.N.S. (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) are interested in expanding the scope of these specific provisions;

Now therefore the Parties agree, as indicated by their signatures below, that the Arrangement will cover the following additional nuclear emergency cooperation activities as well as any other cooperation which both Parties agree can be undertaken.

All other provisions of the existing Arrangement remain in effect.

1. Communications Link

The U.S.N.R.C. and the C.N.S.N.S. will discuss and make every effort to set up a reliable communications link between them, if the Parties determine that such a link is necessary and appropriate. As agreed earlier by the Parties, these discussions will be initiated in November 2000.

2. Emergency Exercise

The Parties will collaborate on the next emergency exercise to be conducted at the Laguna Verde Nuclear Power Plant in Veracruz. As soon as the date is scheduled, the C.N.S.N.S. will invite the U.S.N.R.C. to observe and possibly help critique the required

exercise at the plant (normally conducted every two years but delayed in 1999 because of nearby flooding and consequent roadway deterioration). It is anticipated that this activity could involve the travel of 1-2 U.S.N.R.C. staff members to Mexico to observe and to offer comments during and immediately after the emergency exercise.

DONE at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2000, in duplicate texts in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE COMISION NACIONAL DE
SEGURIDAD NUCLEAR Y
SALVAGUARDIAS OF THE
UNITED MEXICAN STATES:

Richard A. Meserve, Chairman

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