

December 9, 2003

Mr. Thomas Viglasky, Director General  
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Sincerely,

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LETTER TO: Mr. Thomas Viglasky, Director General  
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FROM: Margaret Federline, Deputy Director  
 Office of Nuclear Materials Safety  
 and Safeguards

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION REGARDING RECENT  
 STAFF VISIT TO DISCUSS CANADIAN RISK-BASED  
 REGULATORY PROGRAM

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