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Dear Ms. Hamrick:

Your October 25, 2005 letter to Mr. Luis A. Reyes, was referred to me for a response. We sincerely regret the short notice with which cancellations had to be made regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff attendance at the annual Organization of Agreement States (OAS) meeting.

As you know, government-wide fiscal concerns relative to the Federal response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita prompted these cancellations. We apologize for the associated costs which OAS unexpectedly incurred and cannot recover, and we appreciate your decision to reimburse NRC registered attendees whose trips were canceled. I want to assure you and the Agreement States that NRC values the interactions we share and especially the contacts maintained with the Regional State Agreements Officers (RSAO). Since its inception, the RSAO program has proved to benefit both the States and NRC. We will continue to fully support this program, and will do our best to support RSAO travel to future OAS meetings.

I appreciate your sharing these concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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Janet R. Schlueter, Director  
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