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If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Dr. Michael Cullingford, NRR on 301-415-1276 or via email: mcc@nrc.gov, or Kirk Foggie, Office of International Programs on 301-415-2238 or via email: kxf@nrc.gov. We look forward to meeting you at the RIC.

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