



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



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Mr. Roy Zimmerman
Director, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

In concert with the US Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978 and in support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of International Regimes and Agreements, is funding Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) to conduct the nineteenth International Training Course on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Facilities and Materials (ITC). This training course will be held during April 30 - May 19, 2006 at the Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Prior to September 11, 2001, an integral part of ITC and an important part of the international participants' learning experience was a visit to a US nuclear power plant and a briefing and tour regarding implementation of physical protection. In past years, these visits to licensed facilities included Palo Verde and Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs). (From the funding and scheduling perspective, proximity to Albuquerque is a significant factor.)

I am requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approve a visit by the nineteenth ITC class of foreign nationals (who will have been reviewed and granted visas by the State Department) to one of the NRC-licensed NPPs. DOE and SNL will work closely with the NRC and the commercial operator to ensure that all security concerns are adequately addressed. Please let us know of your decision at your earliest convenience. For planning purposes we need this information by March 6, 2006.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Goorevich
Director
Office of International Regimes and Agreements

