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Dr. Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
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Dear Dr. Klein:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the United States.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) since January 2000, I have worked closely with the Chairmen of the NRC to build the existing relationship between our two organizations which share important responsibilities in ensuring nuclear safety, security and the protection of the environment in our respective countries. Over the last several years, this relationship has been strengthened through our shared responses to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the August 2003 blackout and the work on the international *Code of Conduct for the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources* as well as through the routine interactions of our professional staff.

I look forward to working closely with you in bilateral and international fora, including the upcoming International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA) meeting being held in France at the end of September.

It may be useful to discuss some issues by telephone conversation or video conference in the coming weeks. My office will be in touch with yours to see if such an arrangement is possible. In the meantime, should you have any questions or issues of mutual concern that you would like to discuss, please contact me by telephone at 613-992-8828 or by email at Linda.Keen@cnscccsn.gc.ca.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for your tenure.

Yours sincerely,

Linda J. Keen, M.Sc.

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