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Prasad,

Re. your inquiry into our plans for completing the white papers.

Our plan is to complete the LBE Selection paper by the end of June and the SSC Classification and Defense-in-depth papers by the end of July. Following each author's completion of their paper, we enter the paper into technical editing and document control in South Africa. This last step can add several days to a week to the process before we can have a final document approved for release. Our underlying goal is to get all four papers to the staff several weeks prior to the August workshop on the Part 53 rulemaking.

Also as we indicated before we would like to have a face-to-face meeting with the reviewers to allow a free exchange on the content of each submittal, assuring a reasonable understanding of the paper's intent. For the first two papers, PRA Approach and LBE Selection, a workshop in early August would allow the reviewers sufficient time to familiarize themselves with the submittals and also be timely relative to NRC's workshop on the proposed Part 53 technology-neutral framework. However, should the staff think it more important to move forward with the Part 53 rulemaking workshop first (before ours), we could agree with putting off our meeting until after the Part 53 workshop. For the SSC Classification and Defense-in-depth papers, a workshop in mid- to late September would be preferable. This second meeting could cover only two papers or all four, depending on what is decided as to the schedule for the meeting on the first two papers. Your feedback on this approach for the workshops is appreciated.

We are also working on a DC application specification document that will identify the structure and elements of the DC application for the PBMR design. This paper will be submitted in August.

You indicated yesterday that PBMR should consider submitting a letter describing our plans for additional white papers (beyond those identified above). We appreciate the opportunity for additional submittals and would like to discuss this further with NRC management. A teleconference similar to the one held in April would be useful, or, perhaps, a more formal face-to-face meeting might be more beneficial. Having a face-to-face meeting of a couple of hours would permit us to provide a status update on the PBMR program and allow for direct discussion on timing and resource considerations. Your feedback on having such a meeting is requested.

If you have any questions as to these plans, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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