

Hardies, Robert

**From:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels) [SotelinoMS@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2013 3:22 AM  
**To:** Hardies, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

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Hi Robert,

Thanks for the message. I look forward to meeting you on Weds. From the agenda it looks like meeting ends at 1700 on weds. FYI - If you happen to be done earlier, and would like meet sooner in the day, I should be available - just send me an email or call. Otherwise, I will plan for after 5pm.

Thanks!  
Marco

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**From:** Hardies, Robert [mailto:Robert.Hardies@nrc.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2013 11:15 PM  
**To:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

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Yes. I will walk over to your office after the meeting ends. I will have email access so you can reach me during the meeting if there are any changes.

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**From:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels) [mailto:SotelinoMS@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 17, 2012 4:00 AM  
**To:** Hardies, Robert  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Good morning Robert,

Weds afternoon will work for me as well. Let me know what time is best for you, I assume towards the end of the day following the close of the conference.

Thank you,  
Marco

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**From:** Hardies, Robert [<mailto:Robert.Hardies@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:21 PM  
**To:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Yes, I could meet on Wednesday afternoon at the embassy.

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**From:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels) [<mailto:SotelinoMS@state.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 11:41 AM  
**To:** Hardies, Robert  
**Cc:** Richardson, Timothy M (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Hi Robert,

Thanks for sharing this. Would you be available to meet with me following the FANC meeting before you leave Belgium? I would appreciate an opportunity to hear from you about how these discussions went.

Warm regards,  
Marco

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**From:** Hardies, Robert [<mailto:Robert.Hardies@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012 3:03 PM  
**To:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels)  
**Cc:** Richardson, Timothy M (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

**I will paste the agenda below. There will be a more detailed agenda later.**

**1) Next Meeting**

The Belgian Safety Authorities (Bel V, AIB-Vincotte and FANC) would like to invite you to a next meeting of the 3 Working Groups on **Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 January 2013**. This meeting will be held at the offices of the FANC in Brussels (each day from 9h30 to 17h00).

During this meeting the Belgian safety authorities will present to you their conclusions and opinions on each topic for discussion.

The preliminary agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- Session 1: Tuesday 08/01 AM: "Non Destructive Examination techniques" -WG1

- Session 2: Tuesday 08/01 PM: "Metallurgy"- WG2
- Session 3: Wednesday 09/01 AM: "Structural mechanics & Fracture mechanics" – WG3
- Session 4: Wednesday 09/01 PM: Presentation of the conclusions on the Doel3/ Tihange 2 RPV issue by the other working groups (National Scientific Expert Group of the Belgian Scientific Council, International Review Board) and exchange of ideas.

A more detailed agenda will be sent to you before the end of this year. This detailed agenda will list for each session the major topics / questions to be presented and discussed and make a reference to the relevant licensee documents to be consulted.

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**To:** Hardies, Robert  
**Cc:** Richardson, Timothy M (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Thank you for your prompt response. Would you mind sharing the agenda with me?

This meeting is likely of interest to the Embassy, we have been following the issue of the Doel and Tihange plants, and the reactors that may be brought back on-line in early 2013.

Warm regards,  
Marco

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**From:** Hardies, Robert [<mailto:Robert.Hardies@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012 1:20 PM  
**To:** Sotelino, Marco S (Brussels)  
**Cc:** Richardson, Timothy M (Brussels)  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Thank you. FANC has already established the agenda and is hosting the meeting, so I shouldn't need any assistance.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2012 7:17 AM  
**To:** Hardies, Robert  
**Cc:** Richardson, Timothy M (Brussels)  
**Subject:** Visit to Brussels Jan 7-10

Dear Mr. Hardies,

I am in the Political-Economic Section of the US Embassy to Brussels. I understood from your ECC that you are coming to Brussels to meet with the Belgium Regulatory Agency (FANC) to discuss Doel reactor pressure vessel indication. I am happy to assist in scheduling this appointment and others that you may request. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you,  
Marco

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