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Dear Dr. Adamov:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has reviewed the RBMK reactor information that was transmitted with your letter dated October 2, 1992. The 1991 RBMK performance data heightened our awareness of the heavy reliance that the countries of the former Soviet Union place on electrical power produced by RBMK reactors. Nevertheless, I continue to believe that as additional generating capacity is completed, the RBMK reactors should be phased out of service.

Given the continued utilization of RBMK reactors to generate electricity in Russia and elsewhere, the NRC will continue to consider limited technical assessments in selected areas and develop possible short-term follow up actions to decrease risk in plant operations. Any U.S. participation in evaluations of RBMK reactors will likely include coordination with various organizations inside and outside of Russia. We will keep you advised of our efforts in this area.

Sincerely,

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