



January 9, 1997

Mr. John T. Greeves
Director
Division of Waste Management
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Greeves:

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers recently was awarded a contract to provide peer review services for the Office of Science and Technology within the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Program. ASME's role will be to comment on the technical merit of a particular idea, project, or document.

I am writing to invite your participation as a member of the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee that will oversee this effort. We anticipate calling upon members of this Committee for their advice and comments on numerous occasions throughout the year. However, most of this will be handled through faxes, telephone conference calls, and e-mail messages. There will be two meetings per year -- probably in Washington, DC.

Members of the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee will play a critical role in assuring the quality of both the process employed and the products that it produces. You will be apprised of requests as they come in and the progress of the reviews as they go forward. Your advice will be needed to help identify technical experts, who can participate on panels that actually conduct the peer reviews. Only on rare occasions will you be asked to participate in a peer review. As each review is accomplished, we shall send you a copy of that document and seek your comments on it. No peer review report will be considered final until it has been approved by the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee. Of course, we understand that on some occasions, you may not be available, you may not have time to comment, or you may find that the subject matter is not in your area of expertise. In these cases you may vote "abstain", or, if your response is not received by the established deadline, it will be assumed that you would vote to approve.

Participation on this Committee will help to keep you informed of new developments in the field, help to expand your network of peers, and provide an opportunity for you to influence the technical choices that our government makes. Additionally, ASME can provide an honorarium of \$2000.00 for your participation during 1997 if you are able to accept it.

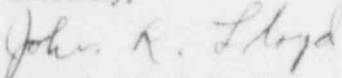
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An executive subcommittee of the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee will provide day-to-day oversight of the review process and will act on behalf of the entire Committee. All decisions of the executive subcommittee will be reported to the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee for its endorsement either at the next meeting or by mail ballot. This executive subcommittee will be responsible for resolving any issues brought forward by the individual review panels. The executive subcommittee will meet at least quarterly and participate in conference calls as necessary. Dr. Alan Moghissi, President of the Institute for Regulatory Science and past chair of ASME's Environmental Engineering Division, will chair the DOE/EM Peer Review Committee and serve as chair of the executive subcommittee as well. Ernest Daman, Charles Velzy and Nathan Hurt, three former presidents of ASME, also serve on the executive subcommittee. To assure strong coordination of efforts between ASME peer reviewers and the Department of Energy, Dr. Anibal Taboas and Dr. Michael Heeb, who serve on the staff of the Office of Science and Technology and report directly to Dr. Clyde Frank, the head of that Office, will participate in some portions of the Committee meetings.

I would, also, like to bring to your attention Society Policies P-15.7 (Ethics) and P-15.8 (Conflicts of Interest), copies of which are attached. Please note that Paragraph 8 of P-15.8 requires that you advise us in writing of your acceptance of the conditions of this Policy. We are confident that this does not in any way increase your legal responsibility.

I am pleased that you can take on this assignment, and I express ASME's appreciation for your efforts in this regard. For our records, would you please forward to the ASME Washington Office a signed copy of this letter, indicating your acceptance. The duplicate of this letter is for your files.

Sincerely,



John R. Lloyd, Ph.D.

Vice President, Research

TO: Norma Johnston
Business Manager, CRTD

I accept the above appointment, including the conditions of Policy P-15.8, and take responsibility for the duties associated with this position.

Signature: 

Date: 1/22/97