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Dr. William D. Travers, Director
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Dear Dr. Travers:

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is hosting the annual meeting of the Transportation Safety Series Advisory Committee (TRANSSAC). The meeting will be held at IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on March 10 - 14, 1997 and will serve as the IAEA Member States' opportunity to review, audit, and revise the IAEA's transportation division programs and regulations. As a fellow regulator of the nuclear transport industry in the United States, I invite you or your designee to participate in this meeting.

Since the revision of the IAEA transport regulations and their explanatory and advisory material was completed in 1996, the schedule and regulatory review and analysis process used for the next revision will be a major topic at this meeting. Because of his extensive participation in the last revision and his work on preparing the U.S. position paper on IAEA regulatory reform, I would be grateful if Mr. Earl Easton of your Transportation Projects Section would attend this TRANSSAC meeting.

If possible, I would appreciate your advising me by February 14, 1997 whether you can accommodate this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-366-4545.

Sincerely,

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