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Dear Dr. Valentin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would like to commend the openness and responsiveness of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) by making versions of its draft recommendations on radiological protection available for public review and comment. It is unfortunate that a third formal consultation round is not being conducted. However, the NRC would like to accept the offer extended by Dr. Holm to Chairman Klein in a letter dated January 10, 2007, to provide comments on the 2007 draft recommendations.

The 2007 draft recommendations represent a considerable revision from the 2006 draft recommendations on which the NRC commented. Although the revised text is vastly improved, NRC would like to provide several general comments for your consideration (Enclosure 1). In addition, NRC would like to provide a revised copy of the 2007 draft recommendations which contain numerous changes (Enclosure 2). These changes are both editorial and technical in nature. The technical comments are intended to address what NRC believes to be mistakes or inaccuracies, or to propose language that would be more compatible with other U.S. legal statutes, especially those comments that address female workers.

Please note that ICRP acceptance of these comments should not be construed as NRC endorsement of the draft ICRP recommendations. Although these draft recommendations may be useful in a future review of NRC's regulatory programs, each recommendation will be considered and evaluated separately.

Thank you for considering the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

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for Operations

Enclosures:

1. NRC Comments on the 2007 Draft Recommendations of the ICRP
2. Draft Recommendations of the ICRP