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Dear Director General Repussard:

Thank you for your letter to Commissioner Peter B. Lyons, dated August 9, 2007, regarding the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) participation in the PRISME research program. The NRC looks forward to working with Institut De Radioprotection Et De Sûreté Nucléaire (IRSN) on the PRISME program and on other cooperative research efforts. With regard to your requested visit to a U.S. national laboratory in conjunction with the NRC's upcoming Regulatory Information Conference (RIC), the NRC is currently communicating with your staff to identify potential locations that would be mutually acceptable.

I have forwarded to the NRC RIC coordinators your suggestion to conduct a session on the safety of high burn-up fuels. Perhaps the NRC and IRSN could co-chair this session and invite other countries to make similar presentations on recent research in this area. As we get closer to the RIC the NRC will evaluate this as a possible topic for a RIC international session.

Sincerely,

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