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To: Giitter, Joseph; Klein, Alex; Harrison, Donnie
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Subject: Thanks for Your Support Yesterday

Joe/Alex/Donnie,

I want to thank you for the excellent discussion DSS provided the Japan delegation yesterday on very short notice. You provided great value to them by explaining the NRC fire protection requirements, as they consider issuing new Safety Standards for Japan later this Summer. I always tell external stakeholders that the NRC has the best technical expertise of any nuclear regulatory body in the world, and you certainly proved that again during the discussion yesterday. After participating in the discussion yesterday and answering their questions, I believe you also now have a better understanding of the challenges facing the Japanese regulator in building its own expertise in the areas of fire protection and PRA.

On that note, I would like to ask one more favor of you, if you don't mind.

Would it be possible to provide to Kirk in electronic form, the REG-Guide and SRP sections you discussed yesterday, so that he could distribute the information to the Japanese. I believe seeing the guidance we issued to our licensees, and the review guidance for our staff, will provide additional insights for them to consider as they finalize their new standards. They are facing great challenges in setting new safety standards for the nuclear industry in Japan in a very short amount of time, and any information we can provide them will assist the Japanese regulator in their deliberations.

Thanks again, I owe you one.

Dave