

December 22, 2011

Mr. Thomas Mieusset
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Dear Mr. Mieusset:

It is our pleasure to invite Dr. Jean-Christophe Niel to participate as a panel member for one of the sessions on March 14, 2012, at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) 24th Annual Regulatory Information Conference (RIC) sponsored by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), in conjunction with the Office of Regulatory Research. The conference will be held March 13, 14, and 15, 2012, at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center. The hotel is located just off Route 355 (Rockville Pike) at 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852, across the street from the White Flint Metro Station on the Red Line and diagonal to NRC's Headquarters.

We have appreciated Dr. Niel's expertise as a RIC presenter in the past and invite him once again to participate as a panelist on an international panel and session. It is entitled, "Regulatory and Safety Applications of International Safety-Significant Operating Experience." The session will be chaired by Michael Cullingford, Special Assistant for Technical Policy and International Liaison, NRC/NRR. The session will provide you or your designated panelist with an opportunity to present the Autorite de Surete Nucleaire's (ASN) methods for evaluating the safety significance of operating experience in France, including whether one of your methods includes risk information. In addition, you are requested to share example applications of safety and regulatory decisions made as a result of your organization's experience. We ask that you speak for 15-20 minutes regarding the ASN perspective on these issues. Your presentation and the presentations of other panel members will help stimulate questions and comments from session participants.

We hope that you are able to accept this invitation and join the panel. Please contact Mr. Kirk Foggie, Office of International Programs, at 301-415-2238 or via e-mail: Kirk.Foggie@nrc.gov or Mr. Lance English, Office of International Programs, at 301-415-5821 or via e-mail: Lance.English@nrc.gov with your intention of participation in the session by no later than January 13, 2012.

Additional information about the RIC can be found on the NRC website:
<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/ric/>. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact RICHelpDesk.Resource@nrc.gov.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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