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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all utility, university, regulatory, and vendor personnel attending the 19th Annual RETS-REMP Workshop. The Workshop has grown substantially since its inception as primarily a U.S. NRC Region I meeting. Now it is truly international in topical coverage and participation – a real testament to the growing importance of effluent management and environmental monitoring, for both existing and future nuclear power plants. This year, the Workshop is co-sponsored by the North American Technical Center, which is located at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Idaho State University. We take great pride in the operations, research, and impact of this Center.

The Workshop features papers and exhibits on the latest approaches and efforts in effluent management, radiological environmental monitoring, and decontamination and decommissioning related to RETS-REMP. Substantial U.S. NRC involvement is expected to help address important regulatory issues. In addition, a Professional Enrichment Program (PEP) has been added to provide RETS-REMP overview presentations to those new to the profession or who just need to brush up on their knowledge. These are extremely important and timely topics in a climate of changing regulatory structures, controversy regarding low dose radiation effects, ageing workforce issues, environmental contamination occurrences, future plant construction, and a continued emphasis on operational performance.

We are pleased with the continuing and growing interest shown by the global nuclear industry in this RETS-REMP Workshop. We wish you a very productive and informative meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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