

April 7, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE SEVERE ACCIDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM (CSARP), MELCOR CODE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (MCAP) TECHNICAL REVIEW MEETINGS, AND MELCOR/MACCS2 WORKSHOPS

The next Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program (CSARP) technical review meeting and the MELCOR Code Assessment Program (MCAP) meeting will be held from September 16 through 19, 2008, at the Residence Inn Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland. If you have not attended this meeting in the past and would like to, please contact Hossein Esmaili at the NRC ([HXE1@nrc.gov](mailto:HXE1@nrc.gov)) for details. If you or other organizations in your country plan to make technical presentations at the CSARP and MCAP meetings, please send us titles and authorship information. A response from you on or before June 30, 2008, will be appreciated. This will help us develop a preliminary agenda for the meetings in a timely manner. A 4[-]day MELCOR user workshop on MELCOR 2.1 (including a one day workshop for advanced users) will be held from September 9 through September 15, 2008. In addition, a 1[-]day MACCS2 user workshop will be held on September 8-9, 2008. Both workshops will be held at the same hotel, and the agenda for the workshops will be sent out (and made available here) in late June 2008.

A block of rooms at a special conference rate (\$201/night plus applicable taxes – currently 13%) has been set aside at the Residence Inn Bethesda. The cutoff date for room reservation is August 15, 2008. Reservations can be made directly with reservations at 1-301-718-0200 (hotel directly) or 1-800-331-3131 (toll free) using a credit card. If using a fax to make reservation, please use 1-301-718-0679 number (attention: Reservation) and clearly print your credit card number and expiration date. Guests should identify themselves as part of the CSARP-MCAP MELCOR MA Meeting group (Group Code CSA). There is no cancellation penalty if the reservation is canceled before 6:00 p.m. on the first night of stay. Otherwise, there will be a penalty of one night's room plus applicable tax. The special room rate is valid from Saturday, September 6, 2008 through Friday, September 19, 2008. The hotel parking rates are \$18 overnight per day and \$11 daily rate per day. The web site for the hotel is: <http://www.residenceinnbethesdahotel.com/>.

Other area hotels where reservation can be made directly by the guests are listed below. These hotels offer U.S. government rates but not special conference rates.

- American Inn of Bethesda (1-301-656-9300/1-800-323-7081)
- Bethesda Court Hotel (1-301-656-2100/1-800-874-0050)
- Doubletree Bethesda Hotel (1-301-652-2000/1-800-222-8733)
- Hyatt Regency Bethesda (1-301-657-1234/1-800-233-1234)

We plan to provide you at registration a compact disc (CD) containing the handouts. In order for us to be able to do that, we ask that you send electronic copies of your presentation materials (abstracts and viewgraphs) in portable document file (pdf) format to Sandia National Laboratories (attention: Ms. Sally Ek of Sandia at [sjek@sandia.gov](mailto:sjek@sandia.gov), tel. 1-505-844-9501) by no later than August 18, 2008.

As in previous years, we plan to organize a group dinner one evening during the meeting. Information about the group dinner and other social events in the area will be available at the registration desk. Also, note that Sandia will be providing administrative and coordination support for the CSARP and the MCAP meetings, and the MELCOR/MACCS2 workshops. For assistance in related matters, please contact Ms. Sally Ek.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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