

United States Government

Department of Energy

Memorandum**Date:** 11 October 2000**Reply to**
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IN-1**Subject:** Year-end Evaluation of Battelle**To:** Deborah E. Trader
Director
RL Science and Technology Programs Division**Science and Technology Excellence Objectives**

International Technology Assessments (ITA), National Security Directorate has been outstanding across the board in fulfilling its obligations to IN for Fiscal year 2000. ITA is a unique resource for the Department of Energy as well as for the nation. The quality and timeliness of its product are impressive.

The numerical rating assigned for work performed over the last year is as follows:

1.1 Quality of Science and Technology: 5**1.2 Relevance to DOE Mission and National Needs: 5****1.3 Success in Constructing and Operating Research Facilities: Not Applicable****1.4 Effectiveness and Efficiency of Research Program Management: 5**

A brief narrative for each applicable area also follows.

1.1 Quality of Science and Technology

In addressing the tasks assigned by this Office during the past fiscal year, ITA produced original, creative work that had a sustained impact on its customer base. ITA regularly provided original, technically sound deliverables in both science and technology that established baselines for further research and had a significant impact within its target field. Particularly noteworthy was the work it accomplished in addressing potential outcomes of the rollover to Y2K on nuclear reactors.

1.2 Relevance to DOE Mission and National Needs

ITA's research directly supports the goals and objectives of DOE's strategic plan. The range of national security programs that comprise DOE's strategic plan are extensive and ITA has provided critical support across the board to DOE's mission as well as to

national needs. These programs range from nuclear non-proliferation programs to international treaties to supporting government-to-government programs. In addition to providing reports on technical issues of concern, ITA staff are also working closely with IN staff to provide technical briefings on a wide range of topics. To date, these briefings have been excellent, have led to a higher visibility for DOE products and are leading to new areas of interaction across the customer base—a critical part of the DOE mission.

1.3 Success in Constructing and Operating Research Facilities: Not Applicable

1.4 Effectiveness and Efficiency of Research Program Management

ITA has been outstanding in the area of effectiveness and efficiency of its research management program. It has excelled in many areas of this process to include resource allocations, meeting budget projections and milestones as well as meeting customer expectations. In large measure, the excellence of the product delivered is a direct result of the excellence of the program management. They are to be commended on their efforts.