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**SUBJECT: EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL COMPACT
STELLARATOR EXPERIMENT AT THE PRINCETON PLASMA
PHYSICS LABORATORY**

Confirming our recent discussions, we are preparing for the External Independent Review (EIR) of the National Compact Stellarator Experiment (NCSX) project at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL). The review is currently scheduled to begin on the morning of November 18, 2003 in PPPL's Lyman Spitzer Building, Room B-318.

Documentation for the review is being made available to the EIR team via the PPPL website <http://www.pppl.gov/ncsx/Meetings/PBR/PerfBaseline.html>. Note that some of the information is password protected due to procurement sensitivities. I will provide the password by separate e-mail to those who need access. Most of the required documentation has already been posted to this website, and the few remaining documents should be available within the next week. If any additional information is desired by the EIR consultant team, please contact me as soon as possible with the requirements.

Kindly provide us with a review plan, including proposed lines of inquiry, as soon as possible so that we can tailor the agenda to meet the needs of the EIR team.

We appreciate your attendance at the recently completed Preliminary Design Review for NCSX and look forward to your participation in the External Independent Review process.

If there are any questions, kindly contact me at 609-243-3713.

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