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NRC AND INDONESIA REGULATORS SIGN ARRANGEMENT
TO COOPERATE IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Indonesian National Atomic Energy Agency (BATAN) have completed arrangements to exchange technical information and cooperate in nuclear safety matters.

NRC Chairman Ivan Selin and the Director General of BATAN, Djali Ahimsa, signed the arrangement on October 28.

In discussions with Chairman Selin, Director Ahimsa outlined Indonesia's plans for nuclear power development, its interest in U.S. nuclear power technology and the regulatory approaches which are planned.

Chairman Selin said: "I am very pleased that our countries are about to begin a phase of cooperation on nuclear safety matters. This arrangement will allow us to explore new opportunities for increased collaboration in this important area."

Under the arrangement, the two agencies will exchange technical and scientific data relating to safety, safeguards, waste management and the environmental impact of nuclear energy facilities. BATAN nuclear safety inspectors and other personnel will also have access to NRC training courses and on-the-job experience in the U.S.

The arrangement is to last for five years and may be extended by written consent of the parties.

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