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NRC STAFF SIGNS AGREEMENT FOR CONFIRMATORY
TESTING OF WESTINGHOUSE AP600 IN JAPAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has signed an agreement with the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI) to obtain confirmatory research data related to the staff's review of Westinghouse Electric Corporation's AP600 advanced pressurized water reactor design.

Signing for the NRC staff was James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations, and for JAERI was its President, Mr. S. Shimomura.

Under the agreement, JAERI will be responsible for conducting confirmatory tests of the AP600 design at its large-scale ROSA-V test facility. The NRC staff will obtain and install equipment necessary to modify the ROSA-V facility and will do an analyses of the data obtained during the tests.

The testing program of the safety features of the AP600 is projected to begin in January 1994, with tests to include the following categories: small break loss-of-coolant, steam generator tube rupture and main steam line break.

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