

January 25, 2001

Dr. Alex R. Burkart, Deputy Director
Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs
Bureau of Nonproliferation
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Dr. Burkart:

Enclosed for expedited Executive Branch review and clearance is a proposed renewal letter for the "Arrangement between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters." The previous Arrangement was last signed for a five-year period on October 19, 1995. The new letter continues all of the provisions of the 1995 Arrangement for another five-year period effective as of October 17, 2000. Since the proposed extension contains no new provisions, and both German Director General Renneberg and NRC Chairman Meserve have expressed their desire to conclude this renewal as soon as possible, I ask to receive urgent Executive Branch clearance to proceed. This will allow us to reinstate the cornerstone of our technical exchange and cooperation activities with our German partners.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Draft Extension Letter

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Arrangement
between the
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
of the United States of America (NRC)
and the
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMU)
for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation
in Nuclear Safety Matters

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany, acknowledging their desire to continue the "Arrangement between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the United States of America (NRC) and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMU) for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters" ("Arrangement") last signed for a five-year period on October 19, 1995, hereby agree that all terms and conditions of that Arrangement will remain effective as of October 19, 2000 for another five-year period.

DONE in Rockville on the ___ day of _____ and in Bonn on the ___ day of _____
in two original texts in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
of the United States of America:

For the Federal Ministry for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the
Federal Republic of Germany:

Richard A. Meserve

Wolfgang Renneberg