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## **NRC FOREIGN TRIP REPORT**

### **Subject**

16<sup>th</sup> International Common-Cause Data Exchange (ICDE) Project Steering Group Meeting

### **Dates of Travel and Countries/Organizations Visited**

November 6-8, 2002, Berlin Germany; NEA

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### **Background/Purpose**

The purpose of the ICDE Steering Group meeting was to review the status of the project, review and approve the project budget, and to develop and approve plans for future data collection activities.

### **Abstract: Summary of Pertinent Points/Issues**

All eleven countries were present at the meeting. the two new members, Japan and Korea, participated in the meeting. OECD has received agreement letters from most countries. The new agreement covers the period April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2005. The Steering Group approved the safety and relief valve report for publication pending approval from OECD/NEA. The Steering Group approved the check valve report for publication. New components approved for data collection include breakers and switchgear and level instrumentation. Control rod drive assemblies are still under consideration. The Steering Group also approved plans for converting the databases to one consolidated database that can be accessed via the Internet.

### **Discussion**

The two newest members, Japan and Korea, participated in this meeting. Taiwan, who is interested in joining, did not attend, but they continue to express interest in joining the project. The secretariat discussed the budget for the current agreement period. The Steering Group approved the budget. All countries have submitted their agreement letters.

The safety/relief valve report has been approved by CSNI and has been published. The Steering Group approved the check valve report for publication. It will be submitted to the CSNI for approval. Other reports being prepared are the general Coding Guidelines and the Proceedings of the CCF workshop held in Stockholm (June 2001).

The Steering Group reviewed the coding guidelines for level instrumentation, breakers and switchgear, and reactor protection system control rod drive assemblies. The Steering Group approved the guidelines for breakers and switchgear and level measurement. Data collection for these components will begin when a schedule has been submitted. The Steering Group provided additional comments for the reactor protection control rod drive assemblies and will review it at the next meeting.

The steering group meeting went very well. The objectives of the meeting were met and plans for the next six months were well defined. We find that each of the countries are becoming more involved in the project as they see the benefit of the data collection and the reports being prepared by the steering group.

### **Pending Actions/Planned Next Steps for NRC**

The following are the action items involving the NRC for the next meeting:

- Continue to prepare final guidance for the control rod assembly data collection with France,
- Prepare a proposal for a consolidated database structure eliminating some records in the current databases,
- Review and the draft reports and provide comments.

### **Attachments**

Meeting Agenda

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