

**MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Herein represented by

**THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
[NRC]**

And

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Herein represented by

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
AFRICA [DME]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CO-OPERATION IN
NUCLEAR SAFETY, SAFEGUARDS, AND PHYSICAL SECURITY**

Whereas the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of South Africa have entered into an Agreement for Co-operation Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed in Pretoria on September 25, 1995;

Whereas the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC] and the South African Council for Nuclear Safety [CNS] are Parties to an Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Co-operation in Nuclear Safety Matters, signed in Pretoria on September 27, 1994;

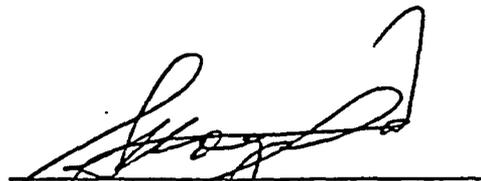
Whereas the NRC and the DME have identified, after substantive contact during the twice yearly meetings of the U.S. - South African Binational Commission [also known as the Gore-Mbeki Commission, established in 1995] and follow-up meetings, a mutual interest in an exchange of information and in co-operation regarding broad programmatic areas pertaining to nuclear safety, safeguards, and physical security;

Now, therefore, the NRC and the DME have reached the following understandings to guide their co-operation:

1. The NRC and the DME plan to exchange information and confer on relevant policy and programmatic aspects relating to nuclear safety, safeguards, and physical security. Such exchanges may encompass nuclear safety, radiation protection, uranium processing, spent fuel management, radioactive waste management, nuclear safeguards, and regulatory structure and functions.
2. The above co-operation is additional to the existing relationship with the CNS and is not intended to affect or supplant direct NRC-CNS contacts.
3. Co-operative activities are expected to begin upon signature of this Memorandum of Co-operation by the NRC and the DME and to continue for a period of five years. The Participants may modify their co-operative activities during this five-year period and may decide to extend their co-operation at the end of the initial five-year period. Either Participant should attempt to provide the other at least six-months' written notice of its intention to end its co-operative activities under this Memorandum.
4. Unless specifically provided for otherwise in writing, all costs resulting from information exchange and co-operation pursuant to this Memorandum will be the responsibility of the Participant that incurs them. It is recognised that the ability of the Participants to carry out planned activities is subject to the availability of funds.

Signed at Cape Town on ...17 FEB. 1999.....


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