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Subject:

May 2007 US-China Strategic Economic Dialogues II

Comment:

On April 25, 2007, Margaret Doane, Deputy Director of International Programs, represented the NRC at a planning meeting for the Second US-China Strategic Economic Dialogues (SEDII) which are scheduled for May 22-24, 2007, in Washington, D.C. The planning meeting was hosted by Secretary of Treasury Eric Paulson and was attended by Secretaries and Deputies from most Cabinet level offices such as the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of State. The SEDs are focused on US-China economic relations. One of the four main objectives is relevant to nuclear energy and includes 1) cooperation on energy security, 2) energy efficiency, and 3) environmental health impacts of energy production. The others are focused on trade. The first SED was held in China in December 2006.

China is showing its commitment to the dialogues by sending twelve Ministers in addition to over 100 other government officials to participate in SEDII. NRC has been invited to participate in the SEDs. The Minister of the Chinese State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), Mr. Zhou Shengxian, the Chinese cabinet level counterpart of the NRC, will participate in the SEDs and has requested to sign the proposed Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the NRC and the National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) of China, which is currently awaiting Commission and Executive Branch clearance.

The Department of Treasury has tentatively scheduled the signing of the NRC-NNSA MOC for May 23, 2007 at 10:30am at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium.

Attached is the current agenda and delegation list of SEDII.

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