

**MEMORANDUM FOR COOPERATION
ON THE FIRST STAGE OF
THE MULTINATIONAL DESIGN APPROVAL PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
AND
THE FINNISH RADIATION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority- Sateilyturvakeskus (STUK) have a mutual interest in continuing exchange of information pertaining to regulatory activities and standards required or recommended by their organizations for the regulation of safety and environmental impacts of nuclear facilities and have a common objective of improving the safety of nuclear facilities and materials and of protecting the public health and safety and the environment;

WHEREAS, the NRC and the STUK are already engaged in general cooperation in these matters under the "Arrangement Between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters," first signed in Helsinki in September 1980 and renewed every subsequent five years beginning in 1985, 1990, and 1996; having last renewed this Arrangement for another five years on December 31, 2001;

WHEREAS, the NRC and the STUK, under the terms of the afore mentioned Arrangement have been engaged in cooperative dialogue on the Multinational Design Approval Program (MDAP) initiated by the NRC; and having further noted the benefits of cooperation with the goal of improving safety by increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the regulatory reviews of new reactor designs;

Have agreed to the following:

1. The NRC and STUK will cooperate in the first stage of the MDAP for the review of the AREVA-NP Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) design. Cooperative activities anticipated under the first stage of the MDAP would include the sharing of pertinent regulatory information, the exchange of technical personnel consistent with the applicable laws of each country, peer review activities, and other activities that would seek to leverage the expertise of each of the national regulatory bodies.

2. The NRC and STUK anticipate that the cooperation between both regulatory bodies on the review of the EPR design will provide continued benefits during the subsequent licensing and operational phases of the project, setting the stage for improved communications and sharing of technical knowledge during future regulatory activities, including the identification and resolution of evolving safety issues

3. The activities conducted under this first stage of the MDAP shall be limited to those governed by the existing bilateral agreement between the NRC and the STUK, mentioned in paragraph two of this exchange.

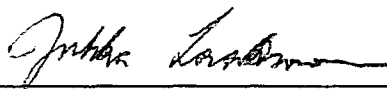
Signed in Rockville, Maryland on the 9 of June 2006 and in Helsinki, Finland on the 15 of June 2006.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION



Nils J. Diaz, Chairman

FOR THE FINNISH RADIATION AND
NUCLEAR SAFETY AUTHORITY
(SATEILYTURVAKESKUS)



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