

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR AND RADIATION SAFETY MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
AND
THE LEGAL ENTITY OF PUBLIC LAW NUCLEAR AND RADIATION SAFETY AGENCY OF
GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") and the Legal Entity of Public Law Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency of Georgia ("Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency"), hereinafter "the Participants," have a mutual interest in improving the safety and security of nuclear and radiological facilities and materials and of preventing harm to the public, the environment, and national security;

WHEREAS, both the United States and Georgia have undertaken international commitments with the intent to ensure that radiation sources are managed safely;

HAVING a mutual interest in safety, security, and safeguards for the peaceful use of nuclear and radiological materials and in the desire to share experience on such matters through the exchange of information;

DESIRING to establish a Memorandum pertaining to cooperation between the Participants for the purpose of safe management and inventory control of radiation sources;

RECOGNIZING that the NRC, through its Radiation Sources Regulatory Partnership ("RSRP"), is willing to provide assistance to the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency regarding the regulatory control of radioactive sources with a view to strengthening the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency as a regulatory body and implementing the activities inherent in the functions thereof; and

INTENDING, to the extent they are permitted to do so under the laws, regulations, and policy directives of their respective countries, to cooperate and share information in the areas of nuclear and radiological safety and security;

The NRC and the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency hereby declare their intention to cooperate as set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding to further the activities needed to improve and to strengthen the capabilities of the latter so that it can carry out the functions assigned to it under the law.

Section I. Understanding Between Participants

1. The NRC intends to assist the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency in establishing long term regulatory control over radioactive sources;
2. The NRC intends to support the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency with supplementary physical infrastructure required for regulatory oversight.

3. The NRC intends to provide the services of experts to support the development of a new regulatory framework governing the authorization and inspection of radioactive facilities, using a graduated control approach, and including specific physical safety requirements for each source category;
4. The NRC intends to increase the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency capabilities for the development regulatory framework governing Nuclear and Radiation incidents, accidents and Illicit trafficking of Nuclear and Radioactive materials
5. The NRC intends to complete an assessment of the radiation source inventory control program in use by the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency and make recommendations appropriate for strengthening this program, covering all aspects of the program including software, technical support, and training.
6. The NRC intends to support efforts to improve the Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency's existing information system through scientific visits of personnel designated by the Agency, for the purpose of sharing experiences with information system developers working on web connectivity.
7. The NRC intends to offer training courses, on-site instruction, and information technology solutions with the objective of enhancing skills for technical evaluations of the applications and conducting inspections;
8. The Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency intends to appoint an authorized contact person to the NRC who would be responsible for coordinating in Georgia the cooperation of the Participants;
9. The Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency intends to designate the personnel responsible for implementing the activities required to achieve the objectives of this cooperation;
10. The Nuclear and Radiation Safety Agency intends to provide all information relating to the purpose of this cooperation and necessary for the implementation of the proposed activities.

Section II. Information Exchange

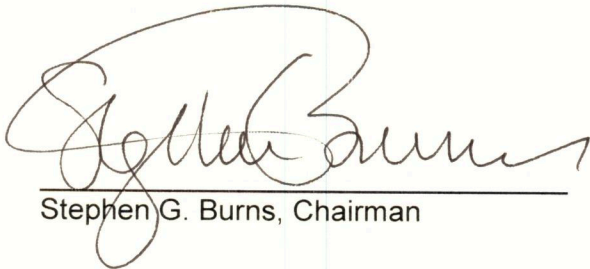
11. The term "information" means unclassified nuclear or radiological-related regulatory, safety, waste management, scientific or technical data, including information on results or methods of assessment, research, and any other knowledge provided, created, or exchanged under this Memorandum.
12. The Participants intend to protect information furnished by either Participant in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the Participants, and to limit use of such information exclusively for purposes of implementing the activities set forth in this Memorandum. Information furnished to experts or to third parties in the implementation of these activities should also be protected in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the Participants upon expiration of this Memorandum. To that end, each Participant may require the expert or third party to make a specific declaration regarding protection of information.

Section III. Administrative Matters

13. The Participants intend to cooperate under this Memorandum in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the Participants. Any dispute or questions between the Participants concerning the interpretation or application of this Memorandum should be resolved by mutual consultation.
14. This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual written consent of both Participants.
15. Unless otherwise mutually decided, all costs resulting from cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum are the responsibility of the Participant that incurs them. The ability of the Participants to carry out activities set forth in this Memorandum is subject to the appropriation of funds by the appropriate governmental authority and to the laws, regulations, and policies applicable to the Participants.
16. This Memorandum becomes effective upon signature by both Participants and remains effective until either Participant provides written notice to the other Participant of its intent to cease cooperation under this Memorandum. A Participant should provide 180 days advance notice of its intent to cease cooperation under this Memorandum.

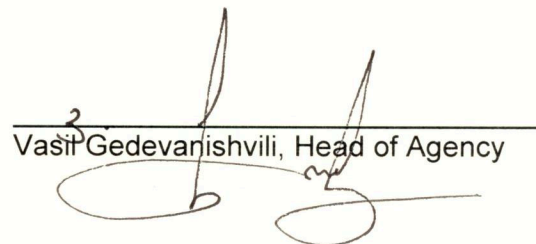
DONE at Rockville, Maryland on the 31st day of March 2016, in the English and Georgian languages.

FOR THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR
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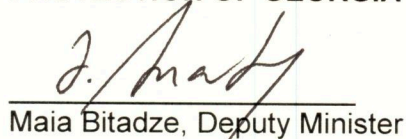
Stephen G. Burns, Chairman

FOR THE LEGAL ENTITY OF PUBLIC
LAW NUCLEAR AND RADIATION SAFETY
AGENCY OF GEORGIA:



Vasir Gedevarishvili, Head of Agency

**AGREED WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
PROTECTION OF GEORGIA**



Maia Bitadze, Deputy Minister