

**MEMORANDUM FOR COOPERATION
ON THE FIRST STAGE OF
THE MULTINATIONAL DESIGN APPROVAL PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
AND
THE FRENCH DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY AND
RADIATION PROTECTION**

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the French Directorate-General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (hereinafter referred to as the Autorité de sûreté nucléaire or ASN) 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 ASN are already engaged in general cooperation in these matters under the "Arrangement Between the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the French Directorate General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Regulation of Nuclear Safety," first signed on June 28, 1974 with the French Ministère de l'Industrie et de la Recherche and renewed for five-year periods beginning in 1979, 1984, and 1990; having last renewed this Arrangement for another five years on April 17, 2003;

WHEREAS, the NRC and the ASN, 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 the effectiveness and efficiency of the regulatory reviews of new reactor designs;

Have agreed to the following:

1. The NRC and ASN will cooperate in the first stage of the MDAP for the review of the AREVA-NP Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) design. Cooperation 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, participation in inspection activities, peer review activities, and other activities that would seek to leverage the expertise of each of the national regulatory bodies.

2. The NRC and ASN 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 French Directorate-General for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection, mentioned in paragraph two of this exchange.

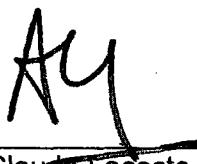
Signed in Rockville, Maryland on the 9 of June 2006 and in Paris, France on the 10 of June 2006.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION




Nils J. Diaz, Chairman

FOR THE FRENCH
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR
NUCLEAR SAFETY AND RADIATION
PROTECTION



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