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## NRC SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM TO SHARE NUCLEAR SAFETY INFORMATION

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has renewed for an additional five years an "Arrangement for Technical Cooperation" with Belgium's Federal Agency of Nuclear Control (FANC), that country's nuclear regulatory body.

Under the agreement, the two countries, through their respective regulatory agencies, will share nuclear safety information on topics including probabilistic risk assessment and decommissioning, as well as information related to waste management, environmental impacts, emergency preparedness and incident response.

The agreement is under the auspices of the "Agreements for Peaceful Uses," between the U.S. and the European Union. The original agreement between the NRC and Belgium was signed in 1978. In all, the NRC has agreements to share nuclear safety information with 36 countries.

Signing the agreement were NRC Chairman Nils J. Diaz and FANC Director General Jean-Paul Samain and Dr. Tom Vanden Borre, chairman of the FANC board of directors. The agreement became effective on March 10, 2005.

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