

October 17, 2000

Mr. Kurt Lietzmann
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Dear Mr. Lietzmann:

The "Arrangement between the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the United States of America for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters," last concluded for a five-year period on October 19, 1995, is due to expire on October 18, 2000. Our staffs have been working to develop a mutually acceptable means to extend it. While I think that we will obtain both agency and interagency concurrence on the latest approach under consideration, a very simplified note of extension (see Enclosure) slightly revised from the one you forwarded September 27, 2000, we will not be able to do so before the current Arrangement expires. I, therefore, propose that, by this letter and your positive response, we agree to the informal extension of our 1995 Arrangement while active negotiations proceed on its extension and until required administrative details can be completed.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

/S/

Janice Dunn Lee, Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Draft Five-Year Arrangement
Extension

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ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN THE
FEDERAL MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT,
NATURE CONSERVATION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AND THE
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION
AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS

The Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the United States of America, acknowledging their desire to continue the Arrangement between their agencies for the exchange of technical information and cooperation in nuclear safety matters last signed for a five-year period on October 19, 1995, hereby agree to extend all provisions of the subject 1995 Arrangement for another five-year period, effective on the date of the last signature below. Each party retains the right to terminate this extension with six months' advance notice in writing.

Done in Bonn on the ____ day of _____ 2000 and in Washington on the ____ day of _____ 2000 in two original texts, in German and English, both texts being equally authentic.

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