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NRC, UKRAINE SIGN COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT ON NUCLEAR SAFETY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State Nuclear Regulatory Committee of Ukraine (SNRCU) signed a bilateral arrangement Monday for the exchange of technical information and cooperation in nuclear safety matters.

The arrangement was signed at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Md., by NRC Chairman Nils J. Diaz and Chairman Olena Mykolaichuk of the SNRCU.

“The NRC and the SNRCU have developed a constructive relationship over the 13 years we have worked together under an assistance program,” Chairman Diaz said. “This arrangement reflects a progression of our relationship with the Ukrainian regulator from one of assistance to mutual cooperation. These cooperative arrangements are a key component of our efforts to promote the exchange of information on nuclear safety issues throughout the world.”

Under the arrangement, the NRC and the SNRCU may exchange technical reports supporting licensing actions, information on reactor safety research, and data on operating experience, including incidents, accidents or shutdowns, as well as documents on emergency planning and response for nuclear power reactors.

The NRC has provided technical assistance to the SNRCU since 1993 through the Agency for International Development. The NRC maintains 38 other cooperation arrangements with 35 countries and Taiwan. (The NRC has two arrangements each with Japan and South Africa, because they have split ministerial-level regulatory responsibilities.) Similar arrangements are currently being negotiated with Russia and Bulgaria, and are expected to be finalized later this year.



U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chairman Nils J. Diaz and Ukraine State Nuclear Regulatory Committee Chairman Olena Mykolaichuk exchange copies of the bilateral cooperation agreement they signed April 10 at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD. (photo courtesy USNRC)

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