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NRC Reporter Input

Fifth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety

The Fifth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) took place at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria, from April 4-14, 2011.

The primary objective of the CNS is to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide, through the enhancement of national measures and international cooperation. The Review Meeting is one of the principal means by which this objective is achieved.

The President of the Review Meeting was Vice Minister Li Ganjie from the People's Republic of China. The Vice-Presidents were Mr. Bill Borchardt, NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO), representing the U.S., and Mr. Patrick Majerus representing Luxembourg. Mr. Jack Grobe, Deputy Director in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), served as Vice-Chair of Country Group 1. Sixty one (61) of seventy two (72) Contracting Parties participated in the Review Meeting.

The Contracting Parties of the CNS are required to submit National Reports on steps and measures taken to implement the obligations under the CNS. The U.S. National Report was published in September 2010 as [NUREG-1650, Revision 3](#). The Contracting Parties subsequently reviewed each other's reports, and exchanged written questions, comments, and answers. The last step of the peer review process is to present the National Report during the Review Meeting.

The U.S. National Report was presented by Chairman Jaczko, the EDO, and Admiral James Ellis, Jr., President and CEO of the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). The presentation was very well received. It highlighted our regulatory programs and actions taken by members of industry to ensure nuclear safety.

The EDO also chaired the Open Ended Working Group, in which the Contracting Parties can evaluate proposals to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the CNS. The Fifth Review Meeting was the first major international nuclear safety meeting following the Fukushima accident; thus, the Working Group focused on establishing commitments to draw and act upon the lessons of the accident. In response, the Contracting Parties committed to (1) support the IAEA Ministerial conference scheduled for June 2011, (2) take prompt actions as lessons are learned, and (3) hold a CNS Extraordinary Meeting in August 2012.

The members of the U.S. delegation actively participated in the peer review process and monitored the 61 countries' presentations during the Review Meeting. The delegation was led by the Chairman and included the EDO and

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representatives from NRR, the Office of Regulatory Research (RES), the Office of New Reactors (NRO), the Office of International Programs (OIP), and the U.S. Department of State (DOS).



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NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko addressed the 5th Review Meeting of the CNS in Vienna, Austria, on the U.S. nuclear regulatory program. He also provided an [update](#) on NRC's response to the events at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants in a side event coordinated by the IAEA. Other U.S. participants (seated on right) were Bill Borchardt, James Ellis (INPO), and Jack Grobe.



Photo Caption

From Left to Right: Travis Tate (NRR), Ken Karwoski (NRR), Veronica Rodriguez (NRR), Jack Grobe (NRR), Jack McHale (NRR), Margie Doane (OIP), Jeff Dehn (RES), Bill Borchardt (OEDO), Chris Regan (NRR), David Skeen (NRR), Angela Jones (OIP), Lauren Quinones (NRR), Omid Tabatabai (NRO), and Lauren Gibson (NRR). Not shown in the picture are: Chairman Jaczko, Michael Marshall (OCM), John Tappert (NRO), Mark Shaffer (NRC Attaché), David Farr (INPO), James Ellis (INPO), and Jan Fladeboe, David Kenagy, and Patricia Metz (U.S. Department of State).

Other Photos:



