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## **FOURTH CNS REVIEW MEETING TRIP REPORT**

### **Subject**

Fourth Review Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Nuclear Safety

### **Dates of Travel and Countries/Organization Visited**

April 10 - 26, 2008; International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria

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**Background/Purpose**

To represent the United States (U.S.) at the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Review Meeting for the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS). To participate in the peer review process of other Contracting Parties' National Report presentations and present the U.S. National Report.

**Abstract: Summary of Pertinent Points/Issues**

The U.S. presentation by Chairman Klein, Luis Reyes, and Jim Ellis was well attended (approximately 70-100 representatives from multiple foreign countries) and well received, with dozens of questions asked. U.S. staff attended all the presentations by the other contracting parties (CPs), and participated in each of the six country groups by asking questions and commenting on the Rapporteurs' reports where appropriate.

The strong U.S. presence at the CNS Review Meeting reinforced the message that the U.S. is keenly interested in nuclear safety worldwide and places a high value on the CNS process. In addition, the inclusion of INPO in the U.S. delegation for the first time was well received by the CPs. Also, the U.S. gained insights about the status of nuclear safety in other countries.

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**Discussion**

The Fourth Review Meeting for the Convention on Nuclear Safety was held between April 14, 2008, and April 25, 2008. The first week of the meeting was devoted to a plenary session and presentations by the CP to their specific country group. Each CP reported on how its nuclear safety program meets the articles of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, as well as updates since the last Review Meeting, and planned measures over the next three-year period. After each day's sessions, the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) met to discuss ways to improve future meetings.

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**Pending Actions/Planned Next Steps for NRC**

Participate in the work plan to revise the guidance for information to be included in National Reports. Review the 4<sup>th</sup> CNS President's Report, the IAEA Trends and Issues Report, and the 4<sup>th</sup> CNS Officers' Report for topics that may be of special interest at the 5<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting in preparation to make recommendations of topics at the 5<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting in September 2009.

**Points for Commission Consideration/Items of Interest**

The Commission may be interested in all, or part of, the above discussions.

**Enclosures**

As stated in the cover memorandum.

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