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NRC INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TRIP REPORT

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Subject: Fifth Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS)

Dates of Travel and Countries/Organizations Visited:

April 4-6, 2011 Jaczko, Marshall
April 2-9, 2011 Tate, McHale, Regan, Quinones, Karwoski, Gibson, Tabatabai, Dehn
April 1-9, 2011 Jones, Doane
April 1-13, 2011 Tappert
April 1-15, 2011 Borchardt, Grobe, Skeen, Rodriguez

All participants traveled to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria.

Desired Outcome:

Promote nuclear safety by presenting the U.S. regulatory perspective and transfer knowledge on nuclear safety from the U.S. to other countries and vice versa.

Results Achieved:

The team represented the U.S. at the 5th Review Meeting of the CNS. It presented the U.S. National Report and participated in the peer review of other Contracting Parties' National Report presentations.

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Chairman Jaczko served as Head of the U.S. Delegation and presented the U.S. National Report. Mr. Borchardt acted as Vice-President of the CNS and chaired the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG). Mr. Grobe acted as the Vice-Chair of Country Group 1.

Also, in response to the Fukushima Daiichi events, the Contracting Parties committed to (1) support the IAEA Ministerial conference scheduled for June 20 - 24, 2011, (2) take prompt actions as lessons are learned, and (3) hold a CNS Extraordinary Meeting on August 27-31, 2012.

Summary of Trip:

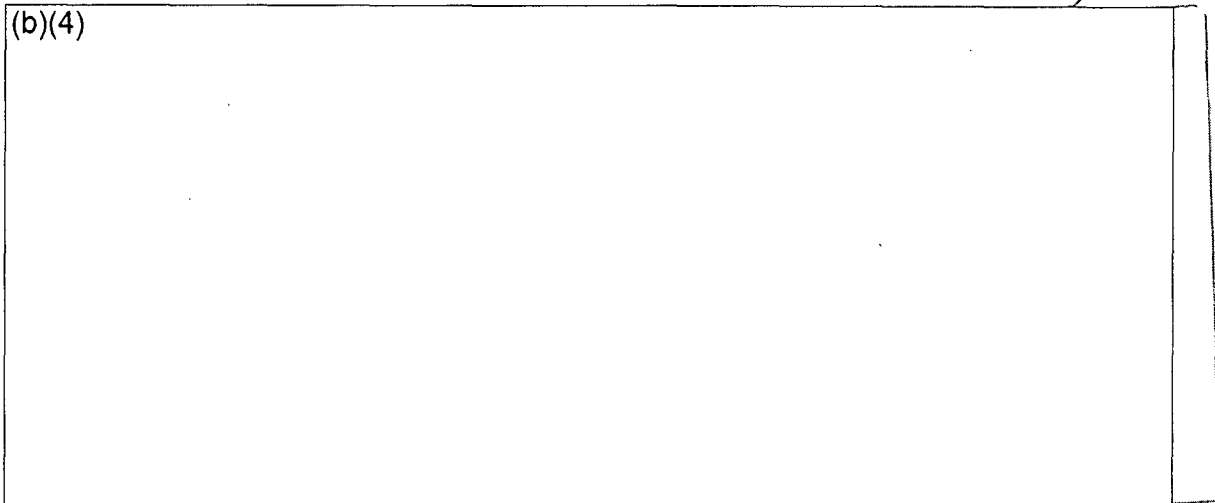
The 5th Review Meeting of the CNS took place at the IAEA in Vienna, Austria, from April 4 - 14, 2011. The primary objective of the CNS is to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety worldwide, through the enhancement of national measures and international cooperation. The Review Meeting is one of the principal means by which this objective is achieved.

The President of the Review Meeting was Mr. Li Ganjie from the People's Republic of China. The Vice-Presidents were Mr. Bill Borchardt representing the U.S., and Mr. Patrick Majerus representing Luxembourg. Mr. Borchardt was also the Chair of the OEWG and Mr. Grobe was the Vice-Chair of Country Group 1.

Sixty one (61) of seventy two (72) Contracting Parties participated in the Review Meeting. Eight (8) Contracting Parties did not submit a National Report.

The 5th Review Meeting was the first major international nuclear safety meeting after the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the events that followed in the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. To stimulate discussion on the Fukushima Daiichi accident, the Contracting Parties were asked to address a number of topics during their presentations. These topics were discussed to varying degrees, based on available information.

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The Rapporteurs and the Officers of the CNS identified that the common topics discussed during this Review Meeting included:

- Regulatory Framework
- Plant Design
- Peer Reviews
- Transparency and Communication
- Periodic Safety Reviews and Long Term Operation
- Siting and Transboundary Issues
- Construction and New Nuclear Programs
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Operating Experience
- Human and Organizational Factors
- Other issues, such as information security, cyber security, and aircraft impact

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At the conclusion of the Review Meeting, the President and the 2 Vice-Presidents held a 30 minute press conference. Approximately 10 print and video reporters attended.

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