STATEMENT OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY
OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

The Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE) and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (NDA), hereinafter collectively the "Participants",

Acting in furtherance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of Trade and Industry of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Collaboration in Energy Research and Development of November 6, 2000, and

Noting the Participants' mutual interest in exchanging information and personnel concerning the management of radioactive waste and the decommissioning and clean-up of nuclear installations,

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1: Scope of Cooperation

1. DOE, through its Office of Environmental Management, and NDA intend to exchange information on the following subjects:

   (a) nuclear and industrial health and safety, nuclear security, and the protection and restoration of the environment;

   (b) the management of radioactive waste arising from the nuclear fuel cycle, including retrieval, conditioning, storage and disposal;

   (c) decommissioning of nuclear installations including lifetime plan, life cycle baseline and near term work plan development. As used herein, "nuclear installation" means any stationary installation for the production or fission of nuclear fuel, or for the processing of irradiated nuclear fuel, or radioactive waste, or for the storage of radioactive waste;

   (d) clean-up and site closure programs;

   (e) program and project management;

(f) project controls;

(g) site management contracts;

(h) contract management and development;

(i) competition of site management activities;

(j) research and development associated with radioactive waste management, decommissioning and clean-up;

(k) maintenance and development of nuclear and decommissioning skills;

(l) socio-economic development around decommissioning sites;

(m) innovation and culture change;

(n) knowledge management and intellectual property;

(o) policy development and regulatory framework for radioactive waste disposal;

(p) the development, use and management of National Laboratories;

(q) site end states and future use of sites; and

(r) funding, accounting and risk management arrangements.

2. The matters referred to in Section 1.1 above include, in particular:

(a) the legislative framework, codes, standards, criteria and guides;

(b) inspection and enforcement procedures;

(c) technical reports, incident reports and safety assessments made or received by either Participant;

(d) radioactive waste management and decommissioning strategies;

(e) information on safety, radioactive waste, nuclear materials disposition and decommissioning-related research;

(f) contracting and competition strategies and procedures; and

(g) strategies for maintaining nuclear safety, radioactive waste management, decommissioning and site clearance and restoration.

3. Information which the Participants may exchange on the subjects identified in Sections 1.1 and 1.2 includes information in their possession and which they have the right to disclose in accordance with their respective laws, regulations, policies and administrative procedures.

Section 2: Exchange and Assignment of Personnel

1. Where appropriate, the Participants intend to assign personnel to each other, to share knowledge, experience, and best practices, and to provide career development opportunities for each Participant's staff.

2. Each assignment of staff under this Statement of Intent (Statement) should be undertaken in accordance with an appropriate written arrangement between the Participants.

Section 3: Use of Information

All publicly available information received by a Participant under this Statement may be disseminated without the permission of the providing Participant. All other information may be disclosed by the receiving Participant only in accordance with the terms imposed by the providing Participant.

Section 4: Information from other sources

Each Participant should use reasonable efforts to assist the other, so far as practicable, to obtain any safety-related information concerning any of the matters referred to in Section 1 above from other sources in its respective country.

Section 5: Administration

1. The exchange of information under this Statement may be effected by post, facsimile, email, telephone or other appropriate means, and by visits and meetings.

2. Each Participant intends to designate an Administrator to supervise its activities under, and to serve as its central point of contact for, this Statement.

3. Any meetings or visits in relation to this Statement are subject to prior consultation between the Participants and their Administrators.

Section 6: General Provisions

1. The Participants intend that the information received, and the results of the activities carried out by them under this Statement, are to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes.

2. This Statement does not create any legally binding obligations by or between the Participants.

Section 7: Commencement, Modification and Duration

1. Activities under this Statement may commence immediately upon signature by both Participants and, subject to Section 7.2 below:

   (a) may continue for five years from the date of execution; and

   (b) may be extended thereafter by written arrangement of the Participants.

2. This Statement may at any time be terminated by either Participant by giving at least thirty days notice in writing to the other Participant.

3. The Participants may determine in writing to modify this Statement.

4. The Participants intend to review the operation of this Statement every 12 months.

Signed in duplicate.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Sir Anthony Cleaver
Chairman
NDA

Date: 8 March 2007
Place: London, England

FOR THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:

James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
United States Department of Energy

Date: 26 March 2007
Place: Washington DC, USA