

Joint Statement of Intent
between
the Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan
and
the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and
Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany
Regarding the Exchange of Information on Nuclear Safety

The Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as the “Sides”),

based on the common recognition that the highest and most robust levels of nuclear safety are of utmost significance,

intend to cooperate in fields of mutual interest for both authorities, including the participation of Technical and Scientific Support Organizations (hereinafter referred to as “TSOs”) and specialized national agencies designated by each authority.

1. Scope

For the purpose of this Joint Statement of Intent (hereinafter referred to as “Statement”), the Sides intend to exchange information relating to nuclear safety, radiation protection, waste management and emergency preparedness and response within the competence of each Side.

The exchange of information should encompass:

- a) Reports on technical safety written by or on behalf of one of the Sides,
- b) Safety assessments and procedures to evaluate nuclear safety,
- c) Important decisions related to licensing and supervisory procedures,
- d) Reports on operational experience, especially on abnormal occurrences and incidents,
- e) Legal and administrative provisions, guidelines, recommendations and technical safety rules.

2. Form of Cooperation

- (1) The exchange of information should be accomplished through letters, reports, and other documents, and by visits and meetings arranged in advance on a case-by-case basis. Meetings should be held at such times as mutually confirmed to review the exchange of information and cooperation under this Statement and to discuss topics coming within the scope of the cooperation. The time, place, and agenda for such meetings and visits should be determined in advance.
- (2) Each Side should designate a coordinator to coordinate the execution of this Statement.

The exchange of information under this Statement should be performed via the coordinators unless expressly determined otherwise between them.

- (3) Experts from designated TSOs and specialized national agencies may participate in meetings, visits or other cooperative activities if the responsible Side decides that their technical support is necessary.

3. Use of information

- (1) The Sides intend to support the widest possible dissemination of information provided or exchanged under this Statement, subject to the requirements of each Side's national laws, regulations and policies and to the need to protect proprietary and other confidential or privileged information.
- (2) Information to be made available to certain receivers only should be marked and handled as such.
- (3) Documents to be used exclusively by the Sides should be stamped on the front page in the English language as follows:

"This document may only be used by the Sides of the Joint Statement of Intent between the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Nuclear Regulation Authority of Japan Regarding the Exchange of Information on Nuclear Safety. Further dissemination, in whole or in part, should only be made upon prior approval of the furnishing Side."

- (4) If there is cause to suspect that information will be disseminated contrary to the above restrictions, the other Side should be informed without delay. The Sides should then consult with each other on the situation.
- (5) The application or use of any information exchanged or transferred between the Sides under this Statement should be the responsibility of the receiving Side, and the transmitting Side should not warrant the suitability of such information for any particular use or application.

4. Costs

Unless otherwise decided, all costs resulting from cooperation pursuant to this Statement should be the responsibility of the Side that incurs them. The ability of the Sides to carry out their intentions declared in this Statement is subject to the appropriation of funds by the appropriate governmental authority and to policies, laws and regulations applicable to the Sides.

5. Final Matters

- (1) The Sides share the view that cooperation under this Statement remains effective unless discontinued by one Side.
- (2) This Statement should not be considered a binding international agreement.

Signed in Vienna on September 24, 2014, in duplicate in the English language.

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