

AGREEMENT

between

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

and the

SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR REACTOR RESEARCH

in the area of

CARBIDE FUEL DEVELOPMENT

This Agreement, to be called the "Carbide Fuel Development Agreement," is made between the United States Department of Energy (DOE), representing the Government of the United States, and the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research (EIR), representing the Swiss Federal Government, hereinafter called the "Parties."

WHEREAS

An Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Switzerland concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy entered into force August 8, 1966, as amended.

Both DOE and EIR have a mutual interest in the development of mixed plutonium carbide and uranium carbide fuels (mixed-carbide fuels) for fast breeder reactors, with DOE developing pellet-type fuel and EIR particulate-type fuel in spherical form.

Both DOE and EIR have a mutual interest in developing nuclear energy in such a manner as to enhance prospects for restraining the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the particulate-type fuel process being developed by EIR has an excellent potential for more effective application of safeguards to LMFBR fuel cycles using plutonium as well as to alternative fuel cycles.

Both DOE and EIR have an interest in testing the performance of DOE and EIR mixed-carbide fuels in FFTF and jointly analyzing the results of such tests.

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVE

The objective of cooperation under this Agreement is to compare the behavior of DOE pellet-type and EIR particulate-type mixed carbide fuels under irradiation in FFTF.

ARTICLE 2 - PROGRAM

A joint program designed to meet the objective of this Agreement is outlined below:

- a. The fabrication of 30 to 40 pellet-type mixed-carbide fuel pins by DOE.
- b. The fabrication of 10 to 20 particulate-type mixed-carbide fuel pins by EIR and their shipment to the Hanford Engineering Development Laboratory (HEDL) for irradiation in FFTF. A preliminary description of these EIR fuel pins is given in Appendix A.

- c. Irradiation in FFTF and post-irradiation examination of an agreed number of the pins fabricated by DOE and EIR. The irradiation and examination plan is outlined in Appendix B.
- d. Complete exchange of information on the design, fabrication and irradiation testing of the fuel pins fabricated by DOE and EIR.
- e. Analyses and reporting of the comparative information developed from the irradiation tests in FFTF and a complete exchange of analyses and reports.

ARTICLE 3 - RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 EIR shall be responsible for:

- a. Preparation of particulate-type fuel specifications as mutually agreed with DOE.
- b. Fabrication of 10 to 20 particulate-type fuel pins (EIR fuel pins) in accordance with EIR/DOE agreed fuel specifications and fuel pin specifications and in accordance with Quality Assurance (QA) procedures agreed to by DOE.
- c. Loading, welding and cleaning the EIR fuel pins to DOE specifications, and filling the EIR fuel pins to EIR specifications with EIR fuel.
- d. Providing design, fabrication and irradiation test information on the EIR fuel pins to DOE.
- e. Shipping the EIR fuel pins to FFTF.

- f. Participation with DOE in the pre-, interim, and post-irradiation examination of the test fuel pins and in the resulting analysis and reporting, as mutually agreed by the Parties.

3.2 DOE shall be responsible for:

- a. Preparation of fuel pin specifications as mutually agreed with EIR.
- b. Fabrication of 30 to 40 pellet-type fuel pins (DOE fuel pins).
- c. Design, coordination, safety, analysis and documentation of the irradiation test in FFTF.
- d. Providing to EIR all fuel pin hardware and components for the EIR fuel pins, excluding fuel and special EIR-provided components, required for the fabrication of EIR fuel pins.
- e. Providing irradiation services in FFTF.
- f. Performing all test surveillance functions.
- g. Conducting pre-, interim, and post-irradiation examination of DOE and EIR fuel pins, as mutually agreed with EIR.
- h. Disposing of EIR fuel pins after post-irradiation examination.
- i. Providing to EIR design, fabrication and irradiation test information and data on the DOE fuel pins, and on the test vehicle.

j. Providing to EIR the results of pre-, interim and post-irradiation examination of DOE and EIR fuel pins, together with analyses of the results of post-irradiation examinations, these analyses and results being the outcome of the joint evaluations of the two Parties.

3.3 DOE agrees, subject to the provisions of Article 3.4, to return to EIR in Switzerland, within a mutually agreed period of time after receipt at FFTF of the EIR fuel pins provided under Article 3.1.e., an amount and quality of plutonium equivalent to that contained in the EIR fuel pins shipped to HEDL for irradiation in FFTF. Upon dispatch of the EIR fuel pins to the US, EIR shall transfer to DOE the ownership of that plutonium and uranium contained in EIR fuel pins for use in the joint program outlined in Article 2. At the same time DOE dispatches the equivalent amount of plutonium, DOE shall transfer to EIR the ownership of that equivalent amount. Reference data for the exchange of plutonium between DOE and EIR under this Agreement is given in Appendix C.

3.4 The Parties recognize that any provisions of this Agreement which depend upon the import or export of special nuclear material into or out of the United States or Switzerland shall not be implemented unless and until approval for such import or export is obtained from their respective Governments.

3.5 The Parties recognize that the implementation of this Agreement is contingent upon the approval by DOE of a safety review of the irradiation in FFTF of the mixed carbide fuel pins as contemplated by Article 2 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4 - MANAGEMENT

4.1 A Joint DOE/EIR Committee shall be established by the Parties to review, evaluate and assess the program to be conducted under this Agreement.

4.2 Each Party shall designate one person to act on its behalf in all matters concerning day-to-day implementation of this Agreement.

4.3 Each Party shall keep the other informed of the identity of its contractors directly participating in the work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 - USE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

5.1 General

The Parties support the widest possible dissemination of information provided or exchanged under this Agreement, subject to the need to protect proprietary information developed prior to or outside the scope of the joint program, and to the provisions of Article 7 of this Agreement.

5.2 Use of Proprietary Information

A. Definitions as used in this Agreement:

- (i) The term "information" includes scientific or technical data, results, or methods of research and development, and any other information intended to be provided or exchanged under this Agreement.
- (ii) The term "proprietary information" means information which contains trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential, and may only include such information which:

- (a) has been held in confidence by its owner;
- (b) is of a type which is customarily held in confidence by its owner;
- (c) has not been transmitted by the transmitting Party to other entities (including the receiving Party) except on the basis that it be held in confidence; and
- (d) is not otherwise available to the receiving Party without restriction on its further dissemination.

B. Procedures

- (i) A Party receiving proprietary information pursuant to this Agreement shall respect the privileged nature thereof. Any document which contains proprietary information shall be clearly marked with the following (or substantially similar) restrictive legend:

"This document contains proprietary information furnished in confidence under an Agreement dated _____ between the United States Department of Energy and the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research and shall not be disseminated outside these organizations, their contractors, licensees and the concerned departments of the Governments of the U.S.A. and Switzerland without the prior approval of:

"This notice shall be marked on any reproduction hereof, in whole or in part. These limitations shall automatically terminate when this information is disclosed by the owner without restriction."

- (ii) Proprietary information received in confidence under this Agreement may be disseminated on a need-to-know basis by the receiving Party to:
- (a) persons within or employed by the receiving Party, and to departments and agencies of the government of the receiving Party; and
 - (b) prime or subcontractors of the receiving Party located within or without the geographical limits of the receiving Party's legal jurisdiction, for use only within the framework of its contract(s) with the receiving Party in work relating to the subject matter of the proprietary information;

provided that any proprietary information so disseminated shall be pursuant to an agreement of confidentiality and shall be marked with a restrictive legend substantially identical to that appearing in sub-paragraph (i).

- (iii) With the prior written consent of the Party providing proprietary information under this Agreement, the receiving Party may disseminate such proprietary information more widely than otherwise permitted in sub-paragraph (i). The Parties will cooperate with each other in developing procedures for requesting and obtaining

prior written consent for such wider dissemination, and each Party will use its best efforts to grant such approval to the extent permitted by its policies, regulations and laws.

- C. Each Party will exercise its best efforts to ensure that proprietary information received by it under this Agreement is controlled as provided herein. If one of the Parties becomes aware that it will be, or may reasonably be expected to become, unable to meet the confidentiality provisions of this Article, it will immediately inform the other Party. The Parties will thereafter consult to define an appropriate course of action.
- D. Information arising from seminars and other meetings arranged under this Agreement and information arising from the attachments of staff, use of facilities, and joint projects will be treated by the Parties according to the principles specified in this Article; provided, however, no proprietary information orally communicated will be subject to the limited disclosure requirements of this Agreement unless the individual communicating such information places the recipient on notice as to the proprietary character of the information communicated and forthwith confirms the notice in writing.

E. Nothing contained in this Agreement will preclude the use or dissemination of information received by a Party through arrangements other than those provided for under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6 - DISCLAIMER

The application or use of any information exchanged or transferred between the Parties under this Agreement shall be the responsibility of the Party receiving it, and the transmitting Party does not warrant the suitability of such information for any particular use or application.

ARTICLE 7 - PATENTS

7.1 With respect to any invention or discovery made or conceived in the course of or under this Agreement:

a. If made or conceived by personnel of one Party (the Assigning Party) or its contractors while assigned to the other Party (Receiving Party) or its contractors in connection with exchanges of scientists, engineers and other specialists:

(1) The Receiving Party shall acquire all right, title, and interest in and to any such invention or discovery in its own country and in third countries, subject to a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license in all such countries to the Assigning Party, its Government and its nationals designated by it, under any

such invention or discovery and any patent application, patent or other protection related thereto.

- (2) The Assigning Party shall acquire all right, title and interest in and to any such invention or discovery in its own country, subject to a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to the Receiving Party, its Government and its nationals designated by it, under any such invention or discovery and any patent application, patent or other protection relating thereto.

7.1. b. If made or conceived by a Party or its contractors when testing the fuel pins:

- (1) The Party which fabricated the fuel pin shall acquire all right, title and interest in and to such invention or discovery in its own country and in third countries, subject to a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to the other Party, its Government and its nationals designated by it, under any such invention or discovery and any patent application, patent or other protection relating thereto.

- (2) The other Party shall acquire all right, title, and interest in and to any such invention or discovery in its own country, subject to a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to the Party which fabricated the fuel pin, its Government and its nationals designated by it, under any such invention or discovery and any patent application, patent or other protection relating thereto.

7.2 Each Party shall, without prejudice to any rights of inventors or authors, take all necessary steps to provide cooperation from its authors and inventors required to carry out the provisions of Articles 7 and 8 of this Agreement.

7.3 Each Party shall assume the responsibility to pay awards or compensation required to be paid to its nationals according to its own laws.

ARTICLE 8 - COPYRIGHTS

Copyrights of the Parties or of cooperating organizations and persons shall be accorded treatment consistent with internationally recognized standards of protection. As to copyrights of materials owned or controlled by a Party, that Party shall make efforts to grant to the other a license to reproduce copyrighted material.

ARTICLE 9 - FINANCIAL TERMS

- 9.1 An estimate of the costs of the joint program under this Agreement, together with an estimate of the allocation of costs between the Parties, is given in Appendix D, Tables I and II. Actual costs will be used for final settlement.
- 9.2 For purposes of this Article 9, "actual costs" are defined as DOE's full costs, less depreciation and added factor costs. DOE agrees to waive such depreciation and added factor costs in recognition of the programmatic benefit to DOE from the joint program under this Agreement.
- 9.3 The Parties agree that the actual cost ceiling for the joint program is established at \$1,570,000 plus 10% or a total of \$1,727,000 in constant CY 1979 dollars. Any proposed costs exceeding the ceiling of \$1,727,000 shall be the subject of additional negotiations between the Parties.
- 9.4 DOE shall bear two-thirds ($2/3$) of the actual costs incurred in implementing this Agreement.
- 9.5 EIR shall bear one-third ($1/3$) of the actual costs incurred in implementing this Agreement, not to exceed \$575,667 in constant CY 1979 dollars, excluding fuel pin fabrication costs.

9.6 Each Party shall bear the expenses of fabricating its own fuel pins except that DOE, at its own expense, agrees to provide EIR with all components and materials, excluding fuel and special EIR-provided components, required for the fabrication of the 10 to 20 EIR fuel pins.

9.7 In consideration of the cooperative effort, EIR shall make payments to DOE in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. \$100,000 within two months after the start of EIR fabrication of EIR fuel pins.
- b. \$90,000 when the EIR fuel pins are shipped to HEDL.
- c. \$130,000 when the EIR fuel pins are removed from FFTF for interim examination.
- d. \$200,000 when the EIR fuel pins are removed from FFTF for post-irradiation examination.

9.8 Final adjustments and reconciliation of the scheduled payments to actual costs in accordance with Articles 9.4 and 9.5 shall be made no later than 18 months after completion of the joint program.

9.9 The payments made under Article 9.7 and 9.8 shall be made in U.S. dollars in accordance with procedures to be identified by DOE prior to the first payment. The payments shall be used to meet the EIR share of the expenses incurred during the life of this Agreement. After receiving payments, the utilization of the sums received shall become

the sole responsibility of DOE.

9.10 The ability of each Party to carry out its obligations under this Agreement is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

9.11 The payment by EIR of the amounts in Article 9.7 will be paid only on the actual achievement of the events listed therein.

ARTICLE 10 - VISITS AND ASSIGNMENTS

10.1 Short-term visits of DOE staff to EIR or its contractors or of EIR staff to DOE or its contractors to discuss any aspect of this Agreement during the life of this Agreement shall be made at no cost to the Receiving Party.

10.2 Long-term assignments of one month or more duration shall be the subject of separate personnel assignment agreements.

ARTICLE 11 - TRANSPORTATION

11.1 The responsibility and expenses for the transport of equipment and materials within the United States of America and from the United States of America to a mutually agreed location at the border of Switzerland, and the responsibility for their safekeeping and insurance en route, shall rest with DOE.

11.2 The responsibility and expenses for the transport of equipment and materials within Switzerland and from Switzerland to a mutually agreed port of entry to the United States of America, and responsibility for their safekeeping and insurance en route, shall rest with EIR.

ARTICLE 12 - DAMAGES

Each Party shall accept liability to the extent authorized by its national laws for damages arising from cooperative activities under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the rights or duties of the Parties hereto under other agreements or arrangements. This Agreement also in no way precludes commercial firms or other legally constituted enterprises in each of the countries of the two Parties from engaging in commercial dealings in accordance with applicable laws of each country; nor does it preclude the Parties from engaging in activities with other Governments or persons, except that proprietary information shall have limited dissemination as set forth in Article 5.2 of this Agreement.

13.2 Cooperation under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the countries of the Parties. All questions related to the Agreement arising during its term shall be settled by the Parties by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 14 - DURATION

14.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon the later date of signature, shall continue for an eight-year period, and may be extended by mutual consent. The implementation and progress of the joint program may be subject to review by the Parties.

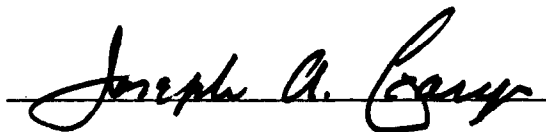
14.2 This Agreement may be terminated at any time at the discretion of either Party, upon six months advance notification in writing by the Party seeking to terminate the Agreement. Such termination shall be without prejudice to the rights which may have accrued under this Agreement to either Party up to the date of such termination.

14.3 All joint efforts and experiments not completed at the termination of this Agreement shall be continued until their completion under terms of this Agreement. Following the termination of this Agreement, both Parties shall continue to share in information derived from the experiments conducted under the terms of this Agreement until final reports are completed.

14.4 In the event either of the Parties is refused a license for the export of plutonium or uranium pursuant to Article 3.3 of this Agreement, both Parties shall thereupon be relieved of any further requirements to discharge their responsibilities as set forth in Articles 3 and 9 of this Agreement.

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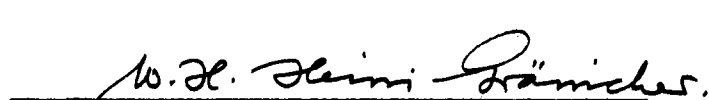
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